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LOGAN Autism Center coping during pandemic

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — The LOGAN Autism Learning Center in Southwest Michigan has been finding creative ways to serve its clients during the COVID-19 pandemic, said Kristin Wier, clinical site director.

"We're doing tele-health for the first time ever in the history of LOGAN, which is kind of exciting," she said. "We're doing web-based therapy where we have video with a client. We've never been able to do that before."

The nonprofit started providing services in 1950 in South Bend, Ind. LOGAN expanded to Southwest Michigan in 2013 at First Congregational Church in St. Joseph before opening its current center in the former Stump Elementary School in 2016.

She said it's not the same as having the clients come to the center, where many of them usually spend up to seven hours a day. Instead, she said they work with the clients virtually anywhere from 30 minutes to two hours a day.

She said it was important to continue working with the 158 families the center serves, so that they receive the support they need and don't regress.

"We're also doing a lot of parent training," she said. "We're not in the homes right now, so we are training the parents on what is the best way to work through different situations and also how to build skills within the home."

She said providing services virtually has gone very well.

"It's been a surprise in the midst of a really challenging time for everybody," she said. "We've seen some clients actually feel more comfortable talking through a screen, which was interesting for us."

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Breanne Rudlaff, a registered behavior technician, works with a client Friday at the Logan Autism Center in Benton Harbor. Staff and clients are wearing masks due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Ron Evans, band director at Benton Harbor High School, is retiring after 37 years in the education field, 17 of them with Benton Harbor Area Schools. He spent his last five years as the band director for the high school.

Leaving on a high note

Ron Evans retiring as BHHS band director after stabilizing program

Benton Harbor High School Band Director Ron Evans may not be from Benton Harbor, but he says he feels like he is.

He's retiring June 12 after leading the band for five years. But he's actually been with the school district for 17 years, having worked 1988-2000 as the band director for McCord and King middle schools and as an assistant band director for the high school.

"Even though I'm not from Benton Harbor, it's always been a big part of my life," said Evans, 60. "I feel like I was from there because I taught so many students. Now, I'm teaching my students' kids. That was strange, and it really helped because (the parents) believed in me. That gave me positive encouragement and put a stamp of approval on the kids."

He said he decided to come back in 2015, even though he lives in the Grand Rapids area, after being approached by then-Principal Reinaldo Tripplett.

Q&A
RON EVANS

"I said I'd be there as long as my wife says it's OK," Evans said. "She said it's alright because she knows that's my love."

He said he promised the district and himself that he would stay as the band director for five years to give the students some consistency.

"I told them I know I was the sixth band director in two years, but I'm going to be there every day," he said.

Evans coordinated with the middle school band director, Nathaniel Cook, more than the previous directors had done.

"I went down and helped him in the middle school so he knew what I needed at the high school and what direction we needed to go," he said. "So we sat down and decided what method book we would use, what curriculum we would use, and how we would select our students. We made the decision that that's what we're going to do and we stuck with it for five years."

Evans talked with Staff Writer Louise Wrege recently about his time in Benton Harbor.

What was the band like when you returned in 2015?

When I first got there, we had, maybe,

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Pandemic brings subdued Memorial Day

By AMY FORLITI and MATTHEW BROWN
Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. — Americans settled for small processions and online tributes instead of parades Monday as they observed Memorial Day in the shadow of the cornavirus pandemic, which forced communities to honor the nation's military dead with smaller, more subdued ceremonies that also remembered those lost to the virus.

On the weekend that marked the unofficial start of summer, U.S. authorities warned beach-goers to heed social-distancing rules to avoid a resurgence of the disease that has infected 5.4 million people worldwide and killed over 345,000, including nearly 100,000 Americans, according to a tally by Johns Hopkins University.

Memorial Day commemorations were cancelled or toned down across the country. Veterans, along with nursing home residents, have made up a significant portion of those who died in the U.S. outbreak.

Frank Groblebe and his wife placed lilacs on several graves at Mountview Cemetery in Billings, Montana, including the those of his mother and father, who served in the Philippines as a Navy Seabee during World War II. Groblebe said he approved of plans to curtail the ceremony, which included a motorcycle procession and moments of quiet remembrance.

"This is our freedom. This is our history. It's what they fought for," Groblebe said, briefly choking up with tears. "Anything that shows respect for it is all right with me."

Sharon Oakland, 78, placed mums on the grave of her father, also a Navy veteran in World War II. She watched from a distance as the motorcycles rolled by. "What they've done is remarkable given what's going on with the virus," she said.

Memorial Day looked different across the U.S. The

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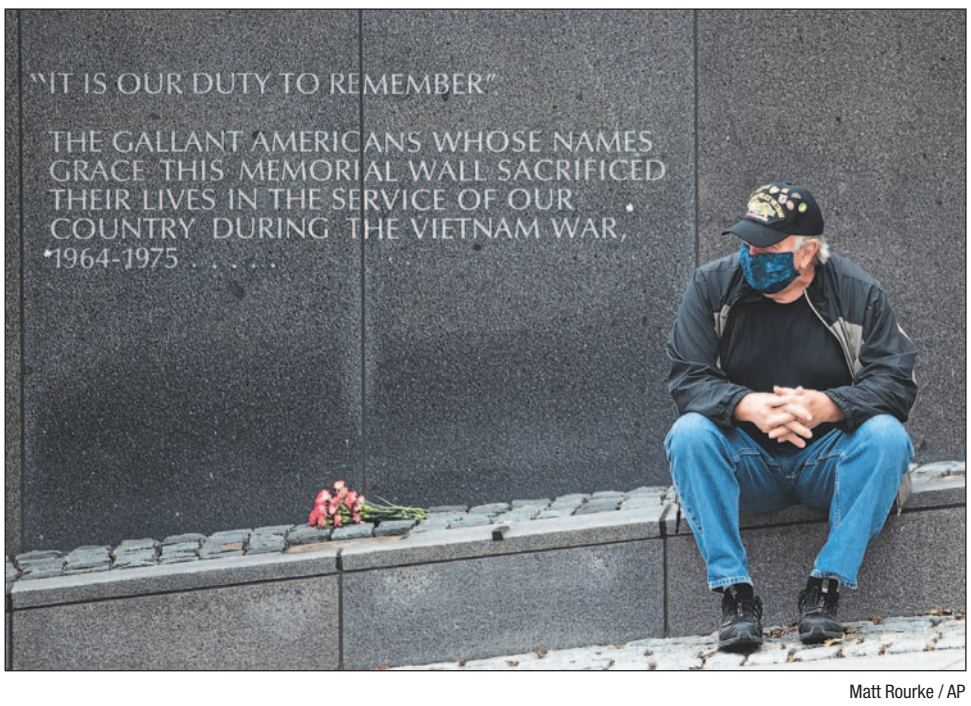
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Vietnam Veteran Kitch Kichula, wearing a protective face mask as a precaution against the coronavirus, pays his respects Monday at the at the Vietnam War Memorial in Philadelphia.

Laid-off workers face first health insurance deadline

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Many laid-off workers who lost health insurance in the coronavirus shutdown soon face the first deadlines to qualify for fallback coverage under the Affordable Care Act.

Taxpayer-subsidized health insurance is available for a modest cost – sometimes even free – across the country, but industry officials and independent researchers say few people seem to know how to find it. For those who lost their health insurance as layoffs mounted in late March, a 60-day "special enrollment" period for individual coverage under the ACA closes at the end of May in most states.

Altheia Franklin, who lives near Houston, lost her medical plan after being laid off from a job at an upscale retirement community, as a counselor to seniors making the move. Stay-at-home orders and higher virus risks for older people have put such life transitions on hold in the pandemic.

Franklin said she received plenty of government information about coronavirus safety and economic stimulus payments, but "the insurance piece just has not been mentioned."

She scrambled and finally found an ACA – or "Obamacare" – plan she could still afford on a reduced income. "We are in the middle of a pandemic, and God forbid if I get sick and I don't have it," she said of her health insurance.

The nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation

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Kristin Wier is the clinical director at the Logan Autism Learning Center in Benton Harbor.

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Wier said that in the past week, they started having face-to-face meetings with some clients in the center.

"We all are wearing masks and we have different PPE available," she said. "We have a lot of new sanitation ... and safety policies in place to make sure everybody is safe."

She said some of the clients are also wearing masks.

"We are trying to make (the clients) more accustomed to wearing them so when they go into the public, they can join their family," she said. "There are some children that have more intense sensory needs and so they really don't want something on their face or behind their ears. We're doing desensitization to make things not as scary for them."

She said they didn't know how the children would react to seeing LOGAN staff wearing masks. So far, she said none of the clients have had an adverse reaction to seeing therapists wearing masks.

"We actually found that a lot of our clients have better eye contact right now because they really can only see our eyes," she said. "A lot of our clients struggle with having eye contact when communicating with others. ... Some of the kids are looking into our eyes for the first time. It's been a nice connection."

In addition to disrupting services, the pandemic caused LOGAN to have to cancel many of its biggest fundraisers. Wier said their biggest local fundraiser is held at Kelley's Bowl in St. Joseph in April during World Autism Awareness Month.

She said she hopes they are able to reschedule the fundraiser later in the year, but need to wait and see how businesses open back up in the state.

Anyone who would like to donate to the LOGAN center can send a check to LOGAN Center, 1651 E. Nickerson Ave., Benton Harbor, MI 49022. If the donation is only for the Southwest Michigan center, she said ALC of Southwest Michigan should be put in the memo line.

Donations to LOGAN in general can be made at www.logancenter.org.

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Monday drawings

Michigan

Poker Lotto
JC-AD-6C-2D-7D
Midday Daily 3
5-0-3
Midday Daily 4
3-3-8-9
Daily 3
6-4-6
Daily 4
8-7-7-6
Fantasy 5
09-11-12-27-39
Keno
01-03-06-16-35-38-39-41-46-47-51-52-55-56-60-61-67-68-69-70-75-79
Mega Millions jackpot
$313 million
Powerball jackpot
$114 million

Sunday drawings

Indiana

Cash 5
01-07-14-24-42
Estimated jackpot
$80,000
Quick Draw Midday
01-15-16-18-22-24-27-28-30-34-40-42-54-61-65-67-69-74-77-79, BE: 27
Daily Three-Midday
5-0-8, SB: 1
Daily Three-Evening
7-1-6, SB: 2
Daily Four-Midday
8-8-9-3, SB: 1
Daily Four-Evening
8-8-6-8, SB: 2
Quick Draw Evening
06-10-17-18-20-21-23-24-31-32-33-37-38-42-45-46-54-59-69-72, BE: 21

Illinois

LuckyDay Lotto Midday
01-13-25-30-33
Estimated jackpot
$400,000
Pick Three-Midday
0-6-6, Fireball: 3
Pick Three-Evening
4-1-7, Fireball: 8
Pick Four-Midday
9-8-5-1, Fireball: 4
Pick Four-Evening
7-1-0-8, Fireball: 3
Lucky Day Lotto
12-14-19-23-43
Estimated jackpot
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estimates that nearly 27 million workers and family members had lost job-based health coverage as of the start of this month, a number now likely higher with unemployment claims rising.

In a counter-intuitive finding, Kaiser's study also estimated that nearly 8 in 10 of the newly uninsured would likely qualify for some sort of coverage under former President Barack Obama's health law, either a private plan like Franklin found, or Medicaid.

"The ACA is there as a safety net for the first time in an economic downturn," said Kaiser foundation expert Larry Levitt. But "many people losing their jobs have never had to think of relying on the ACA for coverage, so there is no reason they should be aware of their options."

There are several options, not easy to sort through. Some have application deadlines; others do not. And the Trump administration, which still plans to ask the Supreme Court later this summer to declare "Obamacare" unconstitutional, is doing little to promote the health law's coverage. Here's a quick look:

Subsidized private insurance

Like Altheia Franklin, people who lose workplace insurance generally have 60 days from when their coverage ended to apply for an ACA plan. They can go to the federal HealthCare.gov or their state's health insurance website. Most states that run their own health insurance marketplaces have provided an extended sign-up period for people who lost coverage in the pandemic. The federal marketplace, serving most of the country, has not.

Medicaid for adults

Nearly three-fourths of the states have expanded Medicaid to low-income adults under the Obama health law. In those states, low-income adults can qualify for free or very low cost coverage. There is no sign-up deadline. The Kaiser foundation estimates that nearly 13 million people who lost job-based insurance are eligible for Medicaid. But that option is not available in most Southern states, as well as some in the Midwest and Plains, because they have not expanded Medicaid.

Children's health insurance

Laid-off workers should be able to get their children covered even if the adults in the family cannot help. The federal-state Children's Health Insurance Program and Medicaid cover kids in families with incomes well above the poverty level. "Medicaid is open year round if you are a parent with kids who need coverage," said Joan Alker, director of the Center for Children and Families at Georgetown University. Children's coverage predates the ACA.

COBRA

People can continue their employer coverage under a federal law known as COBRA, but they have to pay 102 percent of the premium – too much for most who are out of work. If there's another coronavirus bill from Congress, it might include subsidies for COBRA coverage.

Government statistics on people losing – and finding – health insurance coverage in the coronavirus contraction won't be available for months.

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15 kids in the band. A lot of them couldn't read music. I made a commitment to myself and to my family and to the district that I would stay there five years and get to the point where the students were reading music and the band was to the size comparable to the size of the high school, with help from the band director in the middle school and Louis Krajecki, the flag coordinator, and Ms. (Shannon) Harris, the percussion instructor, and Alicia Baker-Lee, the band parent president. We just made that whole thing work.

Can the band students now read music?

Yes. One of my highlight moments was that for the last two years, I was able to have students perform in solo ensemble and then I had several students make it to state solo ensemble.

With state solo ensemble, they had to read major and minor scales, one chromatic scale and sight read in order to get a division rating. We had some students do that. That was really, really great.

How many students are now in the band?

We ended up with 42 kids in the band. Next year, we're projecting to have 50 kids in the high school band.

Did you make any changes?

Band was not in the sixth-grade when I got there, so we added band to sixth-grade.

And then, I started a beginning band at the high school as well. That helped push our numbers up.

Do you have any hobbies?

My two sons and I play in the 3-on-3 Gus Macker basketball tournaments as a family. They always have us in the 28-year-old bracket. And here I am 60, running around playing basketball with these kids.

In 2018, we won the whole thing (in Belding). That was great. It's very, very physical, but it's fun, too.

We practice all summer. And in the winter time ... we practice on Saturday's for a couple of hours at Grand Valley State University.

That sounds great for bonding with your sons.

It is. We're very, very close.

Are you going to play this summer?

They've canceled a lot of them (due to the COVID-19 pandemic). We do one every summer. We're planning on doing it. I'm not certain if we'll be able to or not.

I also play one with some friends who are my age every year.

Any other hobbies?

I'm crazy about karate. I just love it. Right now, I do it in my house. I have a kicking bag. I work on my martial arts moves. I've been doing it about 20 years. I actually have a broken toe today because of it, but that's OK.

Lately, I've been taking up the bass guitar. I decided I needed to learn something new because of the coronavirus. I'm teaching myself how to play.

It's different. My fingers hurt. My fingers are used to trumpet playing. They're not used to plucking on a string. I'm practicing about an hour-and-a-half a day.

Wow. When you decide to do something, you do it completely.

Yes I do. I'm very competitive. I'm trying to stay young ... and I push myself to stay in condition. I'm not going to overdo it because I am 60 and your muscles burn out after a while. I think that's how I broke my little toe. I was tired and didn't realize I was tired.

I'm going crazy. I can't put pressure on it for six weeks. No basketball. So I figure I'll focus on my bass playing.

How is the search going for a new band director?

I'm hoping we find one before I leave. Benton Harbor's a different character. We do high stepping, which is more of a show band. We got it from the historically black colleges. They all do high step. Their legs go up in the air and they're swinging their instrument back and forth. Core bands don't have pom pom squads, and we do. A lot of times, our pom pom squads have features. We'll play the song in the background and the squad will be in front doing a dance routine to what we play.

How has the band done in competitions?

Two years ago, we went to Flint and we competed against bands that were just like us – high step bands. We did pretty good. We came home with five first place trophies that year, including for best drum major and best band overall.

In the spring time, we do our street marching. And we always go to South Bend, Ind. We placed every year we went there.

Did the band march the first year you took over?

We didn't march at all that first fall. I needed them to learn how to read music. I needed them to be more disciplined, learn how to march, learn the importance of coming to practice. We did perform in the stands during football season, but we didn't perform on the field.

We did perform during basketball season, and we performed during the parade season.

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‘We sew these masks with love’

Facebook group of mask-making volunteers find friends, purpose

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TOP: Kate Mummaw, left, has helped organize a local group, including Chris VanDenburgh, center and Zack Cowell to make and distribute masks during the COVID-19 pandemic. So far the group has sewn about 4,000 masks. **ABOVE LEFT:** Chris VanDenburgh of St. Joseph is part of a local mask-making group providing thousands of handmade masks to local charity organizations during the COVID-19 pandemic. **ABOVE RIGHT:** VanDenburgh shows off one of her handmade custom masks she has sewn during the pandemic.

Spread out across Southwest Michigan are a group of best friends who have never met each other in person.

The three things that connect them are a Facebook group, a weekly Zoom call and a man named Zack.

These friends are part of the “Making Face Masks Volunteers” group on Facebook that have hand-made and donated about 4,000 masks to people all around Southwest Michigan during the coronavirus pandemic.

“When this is all over, and I know it’s going to be someday, we’re going to have a big party and get together in person finally,” said Chris VanDenburgh, one of the group’s founders. “I’m sure we’ll be friends for life after this.”

VanDenburgh, a retired nurse, said the group started when a nurse friend of hers asked if she could make some masks because they were worried about running out of PPE.

“They had two boxes left for all the nurses,” she said. “I was in bed. I got up, got dressed, went to JoAnn’s, bought some fabric, came home, looked up patterns on the internet and started sewing.”

Then VanDenburgh of St. Joseph realized she couldn’t do it all by herself, so she posted on Facebook.

Through likes and shares, people started calling her to ask her how they could join her cause.

“I kept meeting these amazing people asking, ‘What can we do? What can we do?’” VanDenburgh said. “It was amazing.”

Kate Mummaw was one of those people who called up VanDenburgh that day.

“I didn’t know how to sew, but asked how I could help,” Mummaw said. “She gave me some patterns and said, ‘Start cutting.’ It went from there.”

Soon VanDenburgh, Mummaw and about 20 other people were spending all their free time, and money, making masks, cutting out patterns and acquiring supplies.

Soon they found out the hospital wouldn’t take their homemade masks, but that there were lots of nonprofits, post office staffs, schools, factories, grocery delivery workers, and other organizations and groups that needed homemade masks.

Giving back

Each of the group members has their own connections to the community, which has allowed for them to fill needs in many pockets of the community.

Kat Schramm of Coloma coordinated getting Berrien RESA’s Blossomland Learning Center masks for their students and staff because her son goes there.

“I made masks for the entire Coloma Post Office and the Lincoln Township Police Department too,” she said.

Bonnie Lewis, who works for Whirlpool, has been one of the go-betweens for the group and United Way of Southwest Michigan and the Region IV Area Agency on Aging to get those groups masks to distribute.

The group filled a need by InterCare for 100 masks as well.

“It’s just gratifying to know they’re going where they’re needed,” VanDenburgh said.

Jerry Price, from Spectrum Health Lakeland, requested 50 masks from the group. When they arrived, he made a video thanking the group.

“His video brought me to tears,” Lewis said. “It was an important need and a very quick turnaround for us. To have him just talk to us was very cool.”

Mummaw, a St. Joseph resident, said it’s been very touching to see how many organizations the group has been able to help.

“One of the things about our little group, we haven’t turned anyone away yet,” she said. “Sometimes we have to send out the masks in batches, but we still are able to fulfill every request that has come in.”

Honor Credit Union heard about their cause and donated $500 to them to help pay for supplies.

She said donations have really made a difference in being able to make so many masks.

“The community has really come through in giving fabric and supplies, along with financial support, which has really made a difference,” Mummaw said.

JoAnn Fabrics

Lewis said JoAnn Fabrics, the fabric and craft store at The Orchards Mall, has been a great partner in collecting the masks.

When homemade masks started to be required, JoAnn Fabrics was one of the places that was collecting them.

Lewis would then pick up the masks and drop them off at United Way, or whichever group was in need of masks.

Fay Pressnitz, who recently joined the group, had been sewing masks and dropping them off at JoAnn Fabrics to be donated for months.

Lewis said when Pressnitz joined the group she connected the dots and realized she knew her through the way she sewed.

Mummaw said the group has been trying to support local fabric shops, and local chains like JoAnn Fabrics, for their supplies, though some, like elastic, have been hard to come by.

Supply drops

Getting materials to each other to sew with was a hurdle for the group at first with the state’s stay-at-home order.

“We want to social distance and protect each other, so we would just leave all of our masks and supplies out on our front porches,” Mummaw said. “But that took our time away from making the masks.”

Then Mummaw’s husband, Zack Cowell, was out of work due to the pandemic and offered to lend a hand.

“He has been helping the group by doing deliveries. It helps us all save time with what we do best,” she said.

The group members now call a supply drop from Cowell a “Zack Attack.”

“I put my masks in bags, and I label them, and hang them on my front door. Then the dogs bark and I go, ‘Zack’s here,’” VanDenburgh said.

Mummaw said one of the quirky parts of all of this has been getting to know people through their addresses.

“I had no idea what their faces looked like until we started our video chats, it was just grocery bags outside their house,” she said.

Setting goals

Schramm said when she started making masks she thought she needed a goal.

“I have to make it to 100. Then it was, oh my god, I have to get to 200,” she said.

Then, one of the group members gifted her a bottle of champaign.

“I decided, I’m not opening this until I get to 400. So I got to 400 and woke up the next morning, and I had made it to 450, and I’m like, ‘how did I forget to open that bottle of champaign?’ I’m still keeping it. I just rolled past 800 last night, so I’m saving it for 1,000,” Schramm said.

Pressnitz, of Spinks Corner (east of Benton Harbor), said she started by making about 30 masks, and her husband told her that was probably enough.

“But I called JoAnn’s and they said to keep making them,” she said. “My goal was 100. I had so much fun making those. My goal turned to 500, and then 1,000, and now the sky is the limit.”

Pressnitz said she didn’t do all the work herself.

“I couldn’t have done it without my family. They’ve given me so much help,” Pressnitz said.

The group’s youngest member gets help from her family too.

Samantha Spare, 11, joined the group when her mom saw the Facebook group and helped her make masks.

“My little brother does cut some of the masks and some of the ribbon, but I do most of it,” said Spare, an Eau Claire resident.

Also recruiting her family to help has been Renee Borah, owner of Affinity Salon & Spa in St. Joseph.

“It helps us get out of bed and have something to do everyday,” she said. “My son helps me deliver them, and the further away from the house the better.”

Finding a purpose

VanDenburgh said this pandemic has been tough on her because she’s very much a people person.

“This group has helped me so much. Just to have people to talk to. To know that even though we’re not face-to-face, we’re connected,” she said. “Getting up in the morning and knowing I’m going to make masks gives me a purpose.”

Lewis said many of the group’s members have found purpose during this time by helping to make masks.

“It feels good to have a real tangible thing we can do for our community,” she said.

Some of the group’s members hadn’t sewn since learning in home economics class in high school.

Some even went out and bought a sewing machine, or two, like Schramm.

Pressnitz said she believes if everyone keeps doing their part, “we can get through this, as a group, for our community.”

The group invites anyone to join to help out, or just to cheer others on.

Lewis said every mask was donated, as all of the sewers agreed not to sell their masks.

“The first goal we have is to help our community,” she said. “We don’t want anything out of it. We sew these masks with love. It’s all about love.”

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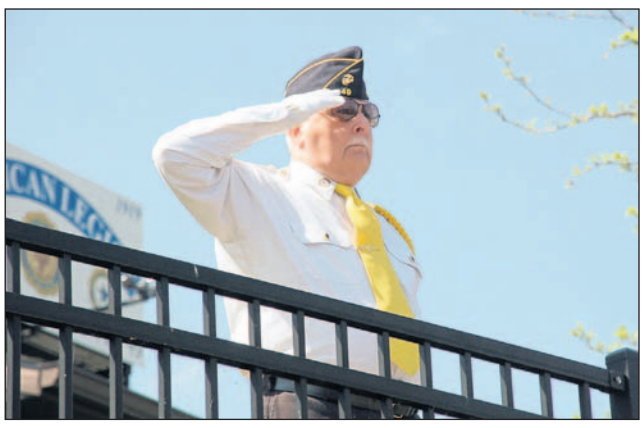
Medal of Honor recipient leads small Memorial Day parade in South Haven

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium



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Tom Breen, adjutant commander of the honor guard at American Legion Post 49, salutes while Taps play Monday during a brief Memorial Day service took place at the post in honor of the men and women of the U.S. Armed Services.

Members of the American Legion Post 49 honor guard and Veterans of Foreign Wars post conduct a 21-gun salute as part of the brief Memorial Day services that took place Monday at the legion grounds. The Legion normally conducts the salute at Lakeview Cemetery, but due to the coronavirus pandemic and efforts to promote social distancing, the ceremony took place at the legion, which overlooks Riverfront Park.

SOUTH HAVEN — For the past 49 years, Vietnam veteran and Medal of Honor recipient Jim McCloughan has led the Memorial Day parade in South Haven.

This year, the parade was canceled, due to efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19. But McCloughan wasn’t about to be deterred from leading a parade – albeit very small – for the 50th time.

Quietly, without fanfare, and practicing social distancing, he and 10 other veterans from the South Haven area, conducted a march through downtown and to Lakeview Cemetery to honor the approximately 300 veterans of war who were buried.

The buried veterans took part in wars going back to the Civil War.

“We should let no barrier of a pandemic honor these people. They gave up their lives not once, but twice,” McCloughan said. “They died for their country, but they also did not enjoy the opportunity to get married, see their children born and grow up to graduate, walking their little girl down the aisle to get married. Seeing their grandchildren.”

The march to the cemetery took place at 9 a.m., the same time it does every Memorial Day.

Two hours later, McCloughan and about two dozen military veterans assembled at American Legion Post 49 to conduct another brief tribute to the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces who sacrificed their lives for their country.

As the Legion’s color guard lined up with flags representing each branch of the U.S. Military, three rounds of shots were fired by the honor guard. Then trumpeter Dave Orr, played Taps.

The ceremony was brief, but people at Riverfront Park, which the Legion’s grounds overlooks, were present – social distancing, but present. They watched in silence, and then, after the service ended, they clapped and gave the veterans their gratitude.

Gerry Broome / AP

Brad Keselowski celebrates after winning the NASCAR Cup Series auto race at Charlotte Motor Speedway early Monday morning.

Keselowski gets NASCAR win but Hendrick takes 2 losses

By JENNA FRYER
AP Auto Racing Writer

CONCORD, N.C. — Brad Keselowski has won the Southern 500, the Bristol night race, the Brickyard 400 and has now crossed the Coca-Cola 600 off his checklist of crown jewel victories.

Chase Elliott lost two races in four days, both in heartbreaking fashion.

Jimmie Johnson had a shot at snapping his three-year losing streak but instead it was extended to 102 consecutive races when Keselowski beat him in overtime early Monday at Charlotte Motor Speedway. Then his car failed inspection and his runner-up finish was thrown out by NASCAR.

All that action was over the final seven laps of the longest race in NASCAR history.

Elliott was cruising toward victory with two laps remaining in the 600 when a caution sent the race to overtime. The five additional laps – another 7.5 miles – pushed the longest event on the NASCAR calendar into a true Memorial Day finale.

ELLIOTT'S BAD BREAKS

Elliott was trying to win at Darlington Raceway last Wednesday night when he was wrecked by Kyle Busch in what turned out to be the final lap of racing in a rain-shortened event. He showed his displeasure by flipping Busch the bird.

His Hendrick Motorsports team bounced back with a competitive Chevrolet in the 600 that Elliott drove to the front late in the race. Half a lap before he took the white flag that would have cemented his victory, teammate William Byron caused a caution that torpedoed the finish.

Elliott was the first car to head to pit road, where he got four tires. Keselowski was the first of eight cars to stay on track. Elliott couldn't get through traffic fast enough in the two-lap overtime finish and was the third car across the finish line. He was bumped to second after teammate Johnson was disqualified, but Elliott was just as bitter after the 600 as he was at Darlington.

"We were a lap and a half away from winning the Coca-Cola 600," a brusque Elliott said after the race. "Just try again. That's all you can do. I mean, there is really no other option. I can't rewind time. There's no other choice."

KESELOWSKI SHOWS HIS WORTH

A Daytona 500 victory is the only crown jewel race Keselowski is missing on his resume. He won the first Cup title for Roger Penske, the first NASCAR races at Indianapolis Motor Speedway for Penske, and, as the team owner noted Monday, "kept my streak going" of Memorial Day weekend victories.

Will Power and Simon Pagenaud won back-to-back Indianapolis 500s the last two years and Keselowski's win at the 600 – the only event run on motorsports' most celebrated single day of racing – indeed gave Penske the coveted victory. The Pagenaud win in a contract year earned the driver an extension, but it remains to be seen what happens to Keselowski.

"We are in discussions," Penske told The Associated Press on Monday. "COVID-19 has not allowed us to get together."

Penske before the season swapped the crews for all three of his NASCAR drivers, and Ryan Blaney got an extension completed before the coronavirus pandemic stopped all business dealings. But the 10-week shutdown has apparently helped Keselowski increase his value.

Keselowski is the only former series champion in the free agent pool and the Coca-Cola 600 was the 31st win of his career – tied for 26th on the all-time list. And, Kyle Larson's desirability was hurt when he was fired by Chip Ganassi for using a racial slur.

JOHNSON SUFFERS TWO SETBACKS

Johnson twice raced for the lead at Charlotte, including on the overtime restart when he lined up next to Keselowski. He came up short both times as the seven-time NASCAR champion failed to snap a winless streak that dates to Dover in June 2017.

Johnson is retiring from full-time competition at the end of the season and he wound up crossing the finish line second in what was likely his final Coca-Cola 600. He said his losing streak never entered his mind during the push for the win.

"Second is OK," Johnson said. "I'm very proud of the effort we're putting in. But second, stinks. It's tough being this close to victory lane, but we're knocking on the door and we'll get there."

The next blow came two hours after the race when NASCAR said his Chevrolet failed post-race inspection.

Woods, Manning winning TV charity match as good as real thing

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

Tom Brady delivered the shot of the match that made it easy to forget the rest of his swings. Tiger Woods didn't miss a fairway and earned a small measure of revenge against Phil Mickelson.

The PGA Tour is set to return in just over two weeks, and it has a tough act to follow.

In the second and final charity match that brought live golf to TV, this exhibition was as entertaining as the real thing.

Woods lagged a long birdie putt close enough that his partner, Peyton Manning, didn't have to putt. That secured a 1-up victory over Mickelson and Brady in "The Match: Champions for Charity."

The goal was to raise $10 million or more for COVID-19 relief funds, and online donations sent money climbing toward about twice that much.

This made-for-TV exhibition would have been worth pay-per-view, the model Woods and Mickelson used for a $9 million winner-take-all match in Las Vegas over Thanksgiving weekend in 2018 that Mickelson won in a playoff under lights. It felt forced, lacked banter and turned out to free because of technical issues.

Throw in two NFL greats in Brady and Manning, and this allowed viewers to ride along for 18 holes at Medalist Golf Club among four of the biggest stars in sports.

Justin Thomas pitched in as an on-course reporter, bringing a mixture of humor and insight with the right amount of words.

Woods and Manning took the lead on the third hole and never trailed, building a 3-up lead in fourballs on the front nine, with Manning making two birdies (one was a net par).

Brady, whose six Super Bowl titles are more than any NFL quarterback in history, took a beating on social media and in the broadcast booth from Charles Barkley, who twice offered $50,000 of his own money toward charity if Brady just hit the green on a par 3. He missed so far right it would be comparable to a pass that landed three rows into the stands.

New Orleans Saints coach Sean Payton weighed in on Twitter, noting Brady signing as a free agent with Tampa Bay by saying he liked the "Florida" Brady much better.

Brooks Koepka offered $100,000 if Brady could just make a par.

One shot shut everyone up.

Never mind that Brady had to take a penalty drop before getting back to the fairway on the par-5 seventh. With his fourth shot, with Barkley needling him relentlessly, Brady's shot landed beyond the pin and spun back into the cup.

"Shut your mouth, Chuck," said Brady, whose microphone piece dangled off the back of his pants.

Woods still thought he won the hole with a 25-foot eagle putt that instead spun hard off the back of the lip. All that, and they ended up halving the hole.

Donations for COVID-19 relief funds kept piling up, and the entertainment didn't stop even as the rain returned. It caused a 45-minute delay at the start, and as Woods said on the practice range, "I don't normally play in conditions like this."

Mickelson brought out his "Tiger Slayer" putter that he used to shoot 64 at Pebble Beach in 2012, the last time they were in the final group on the PGA Tour. Woods shot 75 that day. It didn't help Lefty with a few critical birdie putts to square the match, though he rolled in a 15-foot par putt to stay 1 down with two to play.

The back nine was modified alternate shot – all players hit tee shots, and it was alternate shot from there. It was key for the quarterbacks to find the fairway for the pros to hit shots into the green, and Brady came through until the 18th.

Woods was playing for the first time since Feb. 16 when he finished last at Riviera in Los Angeles. He chose not to play the next four weeks with his back not feeling just right, and then the pandemic shut down golf and sports worldwide.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Stir-fry need
4 Splash out
8 Berlin article
11 Eliot's "— Bede"
13 Monsieur, in Bonn
14 Debt memo
15 "Ancient Mariner" poet
17 TLC providers
18 Threat ender (2 wds.)
19 Crisp
21 Sony products
22 Felt boot
23 Bird sound
26 Place
29 Frog's home
30 Like many a train
31 Petroleum
33 Even one
34 Luggage
35 Paquin of "The Piano"
36 Swamp critters
38 — on (incited)
39 Narrow inlet
40 Pleased sigh
41 Do gumshoe work
44 Kind of cracker
48 Super Bowl roar
49 Apathetic
52 Compass pt.
53 Tide type
54 Jog
55 Kipling novel
56 Big blow
57 Lamb's parent

DOWN
1 Baylor University site
2 Bloodhound's clue
3 Leafy cabbage
4 Recoils
5 Was in front
6 Internet suffix
7 Book part
8 Desperate
9 Many centuries
10 Go headlong
12 Thawed
16 Host's request
20 Electronics mfr.
22 Stew cookers
23 Books pro
24 — Kong
25 Gaelic singer
26 Fails to keep up
27 Extended
28 One, in Frankfurt
30 Zhivago's beloved
32 Fellow
34 In a rage
35 Speechless
37 — -Star Pictures
38 Organs of hearing
40 Yawning
41 Expedition
42 Rajah's consort
43 Excuse me!
45 Rent, as a limo
46 Swear
47 Distribute by measure
50 Drop — — line
51 Companion

Answer to Previous Puzzle

S	I	R		F	O	E	S		S	P	O T
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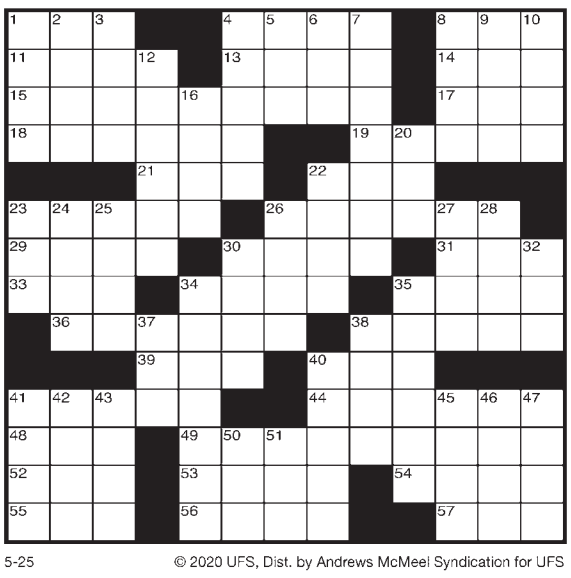

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

VREOG

NTDER

VHEEAB

ZERYFN

Why do you do this every year?
We must always remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms.
REMEMBER THAT MEMORIAL DAY IS THE LAST MONDAY IN MAY AND YOU SHOULD ---
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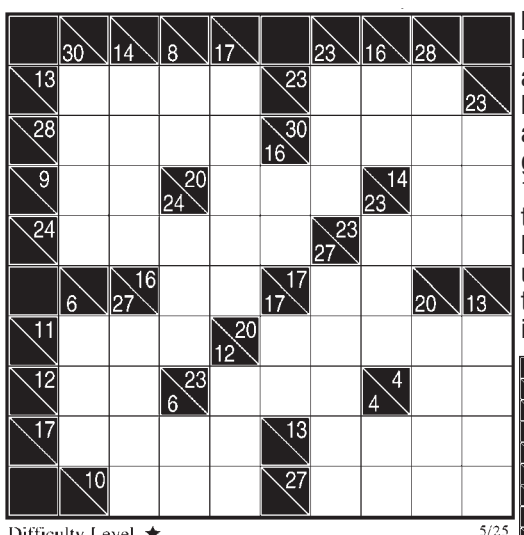
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

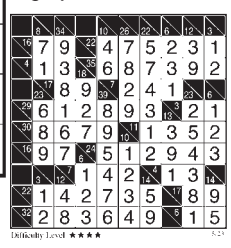
Saturday's Jumbles: SAVVY DRANK CUSTOM EMBARK
Answer: The automobile featured in Stephen King's "Christine" had — BAD "CARMA"

KAKURO



How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Difficulty Level ★ 5/25



BRIDGE

This week, let's look at instructive deals sent to me by Steve Conrad of Manhasset, Long Island. Since he retired, he has been teaching bridge on cruise ships – but not at the moment, of course.

This deal occurred in a matchpointed pairs event. How should South play in four spades after West leads the club queen?

Three diamonds was New Minor Forcing: North showed three-card spade support, and South raised to game.

When the dummy came down, South saw that three no-trump was easy, but that would have been worth only 400 points. If he could make four spades, that would be 420 points and outscore everyone in three no-trump. But from where could declarer generate a 10th trick?

There were actually three sensible choices. We'll look at them over the next couple of days.

Let's initially consider diamonds. At first glance, getting an extra trick required finding an unlikely 3-3 split. But that wasn't necessarily true, because without a trump lead, it was possible to ruff declarer's fourth diamond on the board.

Win with dummy's club king, cash the diamond ace and play another diamond.

Suppose West shifts belatedly to a trump. Win in hand and lead another diamond. East may play a second spade, but take that in hand and ruff the last diamond with the spade king to generate a sixth trump trick.

Yes, that line of play would not have worked if West had led a trump at trick one, which he might well have done. Tomorrow, we will look at what happens after a spade lead.

North 05-25-20
♠ K 8 7
♥ A 9
♦ A 7 4
♣ A K 6 5 2

West
♠ 5 2
♥ 8 7 5 4 2
♦ K 3
♣ Q J 10 9

East
♠ 6 4 3
♥ K Q J 10
♦ Q J 10 9
♣ 8 7

South
♠ A Q J 10 9
♥ 6 3
♦ 8 6 5 2
♣ 4 3

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ Q

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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	5	2	1	6	8	4		7
	4	7	3					
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		3		7		6		8
					3	2	1	
6		8	5	4	2	7	9	
	3		7	1	6			

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

5	9	6	3	2	4	1	7	8
3	7	2	1	5	8	6	4	9
4	8	1	6	7	9	3	2	5
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6	3	4	7	8	5	2	9	1
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PRIME TIME TV

TUESDAY EVENING MAY 26

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	The Conners	The Conners	Modern Family	Modern Family	The Genetic Detective CC (DVS)	
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Blarney" CC (DVS)		FBI "Studio Gangster" CC		FBI: Most Wanted "Predators" CC	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	America's Got Talent "Auditions 1" ((SP)) Variety acts audition. (N)				:01 World of Dance "The Qualifiers 1"	
FOX 17 222 28 32	Modern Family	Hell's Kitchen "All-Stars Arrive" CC		Gordon Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Steves' Europe	Finding Your Roots With Henry		Viral: Anti-Semitism in Four Mutations ('20) (P).			Frontline CC
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	DC's Stargirl "S.T.R.I.P.E." (N)		DC's Legends of Tomorrow (N) CC		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Chicago P.D. "Ghosts"		Chicago P.D. "Never Forget I Love You"		Chicago P.D. "Now I'm God" CC	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	DC's Stargirl "S.T.R.I.P.E." (N)		DC's Legends of Tomorrow (N) CC		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland Amy helps a troubled trick-rider.		Highway to Heaven CC		Nightly News	
WGN 9	News	black-ish	black-ish	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	The First 48: Killer	The First 48 "Brutal Business" CC		The First 48: Catching a Killer (N) CC		Accused: Guilty or Innocent? (N) CC	
AMC	5:30 Top Gun	★★ White House Down ('13, Action) Channing Tatum, Jamie Foxx. Paramilitary soldiers take over the White House. CC					
Animal	Alaskan	Alaskan Bush		Alaskan Bush		Homestead Rescue	
BET	6:30 ★★ Lottery Ticket			★★ Tyler Perry's Good Deeds ('12)			
Big Ten	Iowa	Big Ten Elite CC		Illinois Basketball		Big Ten Elite CC	
Bravo	Vanderpump Rul	Vanderpump Rules (N) CC		Vanderpump Rules "Secrets Revealed"		Below Deck Mediterranean (N) CC	
Cartoon	We Bare	American	American	American	Rick	Burgers	Burgers
Cinemax	5:35 First Man	★★ The Chronicles of Riddick ('04) Vin Diesel, Colm Feore. CC				★★ Jeepers Creepers ('01) CC	
CMT	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	Special	Shark Tank		Shark Tank CC		The Profit CC	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
Discovery	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch "The Russian Front" Wild Bill turns to the Russians. (N) CC				NASA & SpaceX: Countdown	
Disney	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven	Just Roll	Gabby	Coop
DIY	Building	Building Off the Grid		Building Off the Grid		Building Off the Grid	
E!	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley
ESPN	:00 MLB Baseball						
ESPN2	:00 NBA2K League Week Four. (N) (L) CC						
ESPNC	Baseball	MLB Baseball From Oct. 14, 1983.				MLB Baseball	
Food	Chopped	Chopped CC		Chopped (N) CC		Supermarket	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	Tennis	Detroit Tigers Classics (N)					Seams
Freefrm	6:45 ★★★ Despicable Me 2 ('13) Kristen Wiig CC			8:55 ★★★ Shrek ('01, Children's) Voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy. CC			
FX	5:30 Taken 3	★★ Red Sparrow ('18, Suspense) Jennifer Lawrence. A secret agent learns to use her mind and body as a weapon. CC					
Golf	Skill	Golf's Greatest Rounds CC					
Hallmark	Love, Take Two	Autumn Dreams ('15, Romance) Jill Wagner, Colin Egglesfield. CC				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	:45 ★★★ John Wick: Chapter 3 -- Parabellum ('19, Action) Keanu Reeves, Halle Berry. CC					REAL Sports With Bryant Gumbel (N)	
History	:00 Grant CC			Grant Grant prepares for an epic clash. (N)			
HGTV	Bargain	Bargain Mansions		Bargain Mansions		Hunters	Hunt Intl
Learning	7 Little	Little People, Big World (N) CC				7 Little Johnstons	
Lifetime	Grey's Anatomy	I Was Lorena Bobbitt: Enhanced Edition ('20) Dani Montalvo. (P). CC				:04 You Can't Take My Daughter	
MSNBC	Decision	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Catfish	Teen Mom OG (N)		Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Sports	White Sox Rewind Game 1.					Classics
NFL	NFL Total	NFL 100 Greatest		NFL 100 Greatest		NFL 100 Greatest	
Nick	Sponge.	Danger	Sponge.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NGEO	:00 Drain	Drain (N) CC		Drain (N) CC		Kingdom of the	
Oxygen	:00 Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D. "Politics" CC (DVS)		Chicago P.D. "Monster" CC (DVS)		Chicago P.D. "Rabbit Hole" CC (DVS)	
Parmt	Two Men	★★ Grumpy Old Men ('93) Jack Lemmon. CC					Grumpier
Showtime	6:00 Ophelia	Ray Donovan "House-warming"		Escape at Dannemora CC		★★ Mile 22 ('18) Mark Wahlberg.	
Starz	:19 ★★ Zombieland: Double Tap ('19) Woody Harrelson.			Hightown Junior is trapped in a position.		9:58 ★★ Vertical Limit ('00) CC	
STZENC	:19 ★★★ Drag Me to Hell ('09) Alison Lohman. CC			★ Slender Man ('18) Joey King, Julia Goldani Telles. CC			★ The Haunting
SyFy	6:05 ★★★ Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2			★★ Constantine ('05, Fantasy) Keanu Reeves, Rachel Weisz. CC			
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Last O.G. (N)
TCM	Travels-Aunt	★★★ Incendiary Blonde ('45, Musical) Betty Hutton, Arturo de Córdova.				:15 Lady Sings the Blues ('72) CC	
TMC	7 Days in Entebbe	★★ The Wedding Guest ('18, Suspense) Dev Patel. CC			:40 ★ Brake ('12) Stephen Dorff, Chyler Leigh. CC		
TNT	Wonder	★★ Justice League ('17, Action) Ben Affleck.					Snowprcr
Travel	Ghost	Ghost Adventures "Screams of the Dead"				Ghost Adventures	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Everybody Raymond		Raymond	Two Men	Two Men
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
VH1	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out
WGN-A	:00 ★★★ Men of Honor ('00, Drama) Robert De Niro, Cuba Gooding Jr. CC				★★★ Men of Honor ('00, Drama) Robert De Niro. CC		

Sister is jealous of the happy life woman made for herself

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I recently lost a lot of weight and finally felt confident enough to start dating. I met a wonderful man I'll call "Teddy." We've been together for eight months, and I can see a future with him. He has some quirks with intimacy that he's working on and a few odd habits he is trying to break. I have my own eccentricities as well, but we are doing it together.

The problem is my sister. Ever since I started losing weight and trying to improve myself, she has become incredibly jealous. She has taken to making backhanded comments as often as she can. We had a huge fight where we didn't talk for two months because she thought I had "changed too much." The real reason was I wouldn't let her borrow a super expensive dress of mine.

I used to spend every weekend at her house hanging out with her. I would do her grocery shopping, lend her anything she wanted and defer to her because I was lonely. But now I spend most weekends with Teddy generally enjoying my life. She seems bitter that I no longer let her walk over me like a doormat. She keeps saying I should break up with Teddy so I can prioritize her again, and she tries to start fights between Teddy and me.

Abby, my sister is married and has a kid. She doesn't need me around so she won't be lonely. I don't want to cut her off because I love my nephew and would like to be part of his life. I also don't want to have to choose between my family and having a life that doesn't revolve around them. Please help me. – Changing My Life

DEAR CHANGING: If your description is accurate, you exist in your sister's universe only to fulfill her needs. That she would attempt to sabotage your relationship with Teddy is shameful. It should not be necessary to choose between Teddy and your family. What you must do is establish firm boundaries with her, enforce them and not knuckle under to the pressure she is exerting.

DEAR ABBY: I found $17 in the pocket of an old coat (great feeling – it felt like free money!) and used it to buy myself some fast food. My fiancee is upset (which I think is uncalled for) that I didn't get her anything. That restaurant is expensive, and it's hard to buy two meals for that price. Plus, it was my money.

I think I should be allowed to spend money I find, especially since it was in my coat. Unfortunately, she didn't get any dinner that night. It has been a week now, and she's still upset with me about it. I never get anything for myself, and I feel I deserved a treat.

When I told her that night if she wanted dinner she should have looked for her own $17 in a coat, she threw my Xbox controller at me. It missed. It hit the wall and broke. Now I have to search through all my pockets because those controllers cost a lot more than $17. – Quarantined In Indiana

DEAR QUARANTINED: And your question is? This is how you treat your fiancee? The least you could have done was get her a side of fries to eat with whatever was in the fridge as a main course. If you and this girl are still together, it's time for some serious apologies. On the plus side, now that the Xbox is history, you will have more time to work on your relationship.

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Expressing sympathy on social media

Carolyn Hax

Adapted from an online discussion.

DEAR CAROLYN: I'm not big on social media and engage very sparingly. I can go a week without checking so sometimes I'm a bit behind on my friends' news.

I recently saw that a high school friend's husband killed himself last week and left her with her four young kids. The news is so horrible. I immediately donated to the fundraiser set up by her closer friends, but is there something else I should do? I have not talked with her in more than 15 years and never met her husband. We were friends in high school but not super close.

I hate posting public comments on Facebook. Is it weird to just send a private condolence message? If I do send something, what do I say? "Sorry we haven't spoken in more than a decade, but I'm sad for you"? Would I be doing it more for me than for her? Is the acknowledgment of her pain from, let's face it, basically a stranger at this point in our lives, a kind thing or just something that might stir up annoyance and resentment from her – "Great that you're sad but where have you been the last 15 years?" – How to Respond

DEAR HOW TO RESPOND: So terribly sad.

Do send a condolence card, because it's not weird at all. Just, "I am so sorry for your loss," with nothing about the context of your friendship.

Your job is to show concern in as sensitive a manner as you can, without putting your friend on the spot. The card allows you to say "I care" in a way that preserves both of your privacy.

When in doubt about wording, it's best *not* to get creative, because it risks offense for very little reward. Two safe bets are "I'm sorry" and "My condolences."

As for the whole where-have-you-been question, that's actually not unusual or even terribly important right now. Friendships end, friends take different paths, it's a routine part of life. Even if there's something to be resolved between you, then that's for another time. Now's the time to rally to say you care, even for "basically a stranger at this point" – which really does help the bereaved.

Thank you to the readers who weighed in:

■ A couple of months ago I sent a small gift to a Facebook friend going a very difficult experience. I hadn't spoken to her since we graduated high school almost 30 years ago. I really agonized about it, but I was glad I sent it – her (private) response showed she appreciated the gesture and didn't find it strange or inappropriate.

■ A mere card with only a signature: no. Write something original, even if it's just "Very sorry for your loss."

■ An "I'm sorry for your loss" on Facebook counts as a response. It sounds cheesy, but when my mom passed away, having Facebook friends express their sympathy that way was actually extremely comforting, especially since I was with her, away from my hubs/kids/closest friends. This isn't for everyone, obviously, but if the news is shared on social media and you aren't a close friend, just those few words can be surprisingly meaningful.

ME AGAIN: If you are in crisis, please contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-8255 or suicidepreventionlifeline.org, and take care.

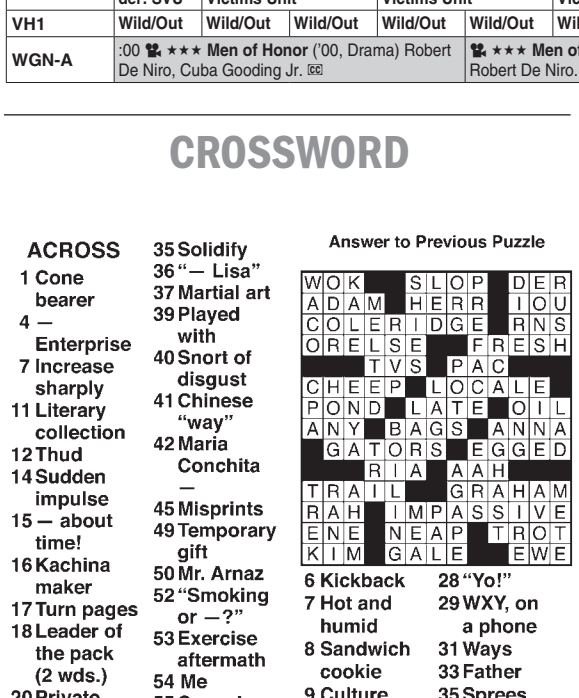
Email Carolyn at tellme@washpost.com, follow her on Facebook at www.facebook.com/carolyn.hax or chat with her online at noon each Friday at www.washingtonpost.com.

CROSSWORD

Answer to Previous Puzzle

ACROSS
1 Cone bearer
4 — Enterprise
7 Increase sharply
11 Literary collection
12 Thud
14 Sudden impulse
15 — about time!
16 Kachina maker
17 Turn pages
18 Leader of the pack (2 wds.)
20 Private teachers
22 Chicago trains
23 Shivery comment
24 Having weapons
27 Fabled lumberjack
30 Garment part
31 Wire measures
32 Kept out of sight
34 "Yoo-hoo!"
35 Solidify
36 "— Lisa"
37 Martial art
39 Played with
40 Snort of disgust
41 Chinese "way"
42 Maria Conchita —
45 Misprints
49 Temporary gift
50 Mr. Arnaz
52 "Smoking or —?"
53 Exercise aftermath
54 Me
55 Conscious being
56 Tart
57 Ill-mannered one
58 Pale

DOWN
1 — accompli
2 Gung-ho
3 Say hoarsely
4 Support
5 Plows through
6 Kickback
7 Hot and humid
8 Sandwich cookie
9 Culture medium
10 NBA officials
13 Tenacious terrier (2 wds.)
19 Believe
21 Samovars
24 Tool handle wood
25 Smell strongly
26 Poet — Angelou
27 Ill temper
28 "Yo!"
29 WXY, on a phone
31 Ways
33 Father
35 Sprees
36 Heath
38 Long carpet
39 Import tax
41 Physicist Nikola —
42 Woeful cry
43 Wacky
44 Surfing mecca
46 Once more
47 Forum wear
48 Well-known auth.
51 Fair-hiring letters



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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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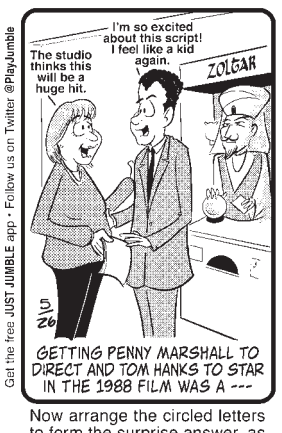
OLAKA

GREEED

ZRUEZB


The studio thinks this will be a huge hit.
I'm so excited about this script! I feel like a kid again.
ZOLTAR
GETTING PENNY MARSHALL TO DIRECT AND TOM HANKS TO STAR IN THE 1988 FILM WAS A ---

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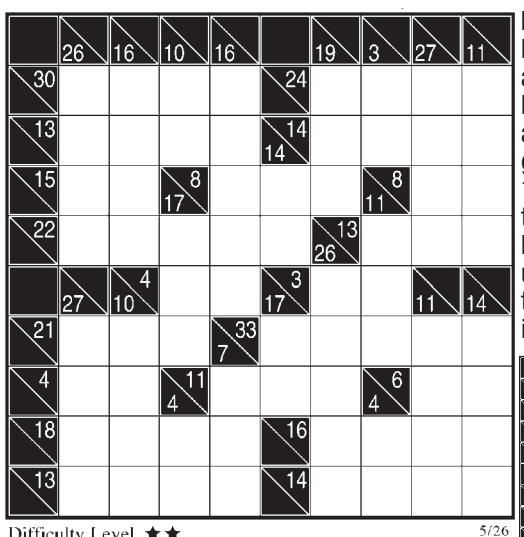
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here: ◯◯◯ ◯◯◯◯◯

(Answers tomorrow)

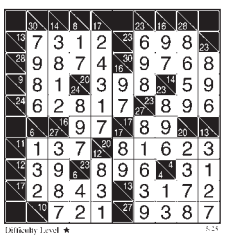
Yesterday's Jumbles: GROVE TREND BEHAVE FRENZY
Answer: Remember that Memorial Day is the last Monday in May and you should — NEVER FORGET

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★ 5/26

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

Stephen Hawking said, "We are just an advanced breed of monkeys on a minor planet of a very average star. But we can understand the universe. That makes us something very special."

In bridge, the minor suits are usually treated with disdain unless we are in a slam, when we have to take at least 12 tricks regardless of the strain.

In this deal, South is in four spades. What should he do after West leads a trump?

Three diamonds was New Minor Forcing: North showed three-card spade support, and South raised to game.

South starts with nine winners: five spades, one heart, one diamond and two clubs.

Yesterday, West led the club queen. Then South plugged away at diamonds, eventually ruffing his last diamond on the board to generate a sixth trump trick.

After a trump lead, though, the defenders could stop that ruff. How did South survive?

Declarer played on the other minor, clubs. He immediately cashed dummy's top clubs. (If someone ruffed, the contract would have been unmakable.) Then he ruffed a club in his hand. Back to the board with a diamond, South ruffed another club. Now the last club on the board was a winner. So, declarer had two choices: He could draw trumps ending on the board and cash the last club. Instead, preferably and more prettily, he played a heart to the ace and ruffed the last club! That way, South again took six trump tricks, three on the board and three club ruffs in hand. That was an example of a dummy reversal.

North 05-26-20
♠ K 8 7
♥ A 9
♦ A 7 4
♣ A K 6 5 2

West
♠ 5 2
♥ 8 7 5 4 2
♦ K 3
♣ Q J 10 9

East
♠ 6 4 3
♥ K Q J 10
♦ Q J 10 9
♣ 8 7

South
♠ A Q J 10 9
♥ 6 3
♦ 8 6 5 2
♣ 4 3

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 2

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

		2		7	9		8	5
	8		6	4		7		
4				8	3	9	6	
		7		5		8	3	
	6		8	2	7		9	
	5	4		9		1		
	4	8	5	6				9
		6		3	4		5	
5	2		9	1		6		

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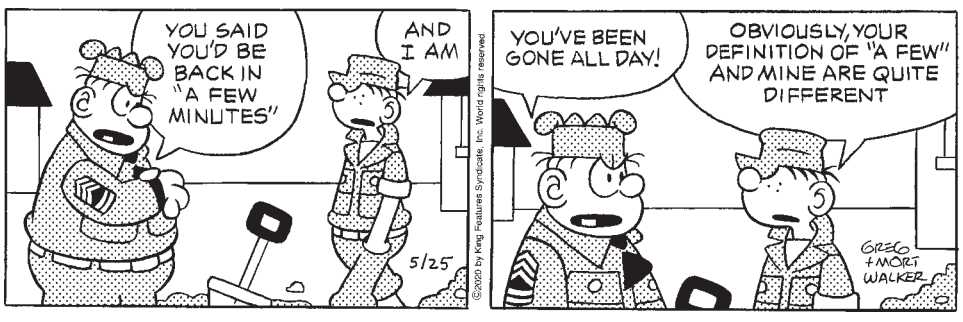
How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

3	6	1	4	2	7	5	8	9
9	5	2	1	6	8	4	3	7
8	4	7	3	5	9	1	6	2
5	2	6	8	3	1	9	7	4
7	8	4	6	9	5	3	2	1
1	9	3	2	7	4	6	5	8
4	7	5	9	8	3	2	1	6
6	1	8	5	4	2	7	9	3
2	3	9	7	1	6	8	4	5

BEETLE BAILEY


YOU SAID YOU'D BE BACK IN "A FEW MINUTES"
AND I AM
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YOU'VE BEEN GONE ALL DAY!
OBVIOUSLY, YOUR DEFINITION OF "A FEW" AND MINE ARE QUITE DIFFERENT
GREG + MORT WALKER
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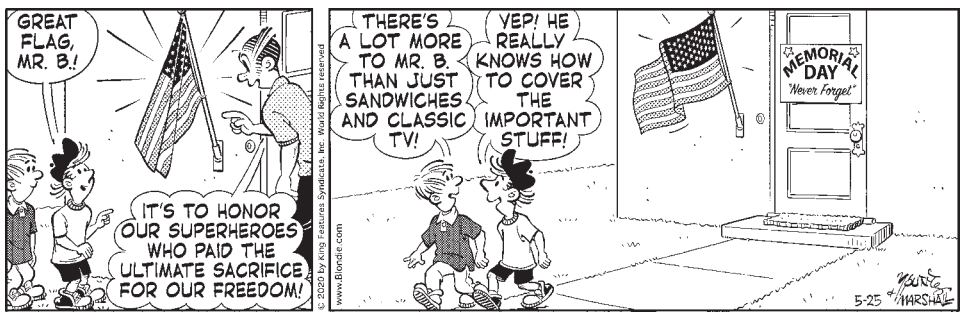
GREAT FLAG, MR. B.!
IT'S TO HONOR OUR SUPERHEROES WHO PAID THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE FOR OUR FREEDOM!
THERE'S A LOT MORE TO MR. B. THAN JUST SANDWICHES AND CLASSIC TV!
YEP! HE REALLY KNOWS HOW TO COVER THE IMPORTANT STUFF!
MEMORIAL DAY
"Never Forget"
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MARSHALL
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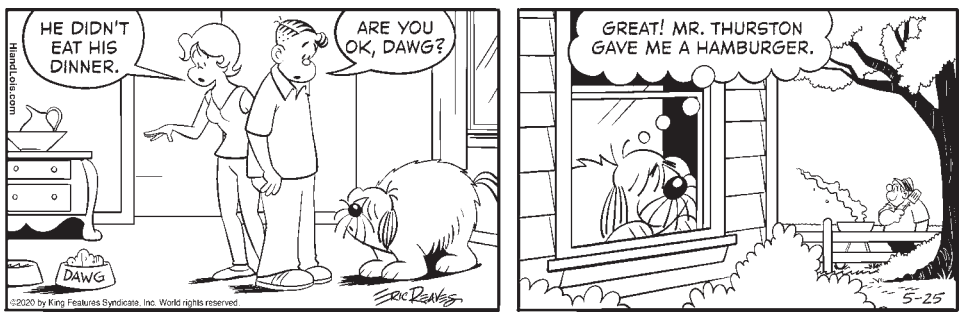

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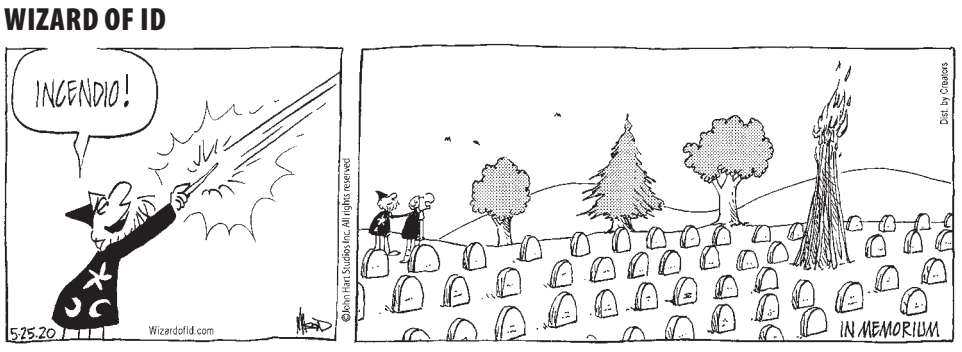

DILBERT

THE CORONAVIRUS IS A HOAX. IT IS NO MORE DANGEROUS THAN A COMMON COLD.
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IT'S ALMOST AS IF YOU ARE INVITING THE UNIVERSE TO SMITE YOU.
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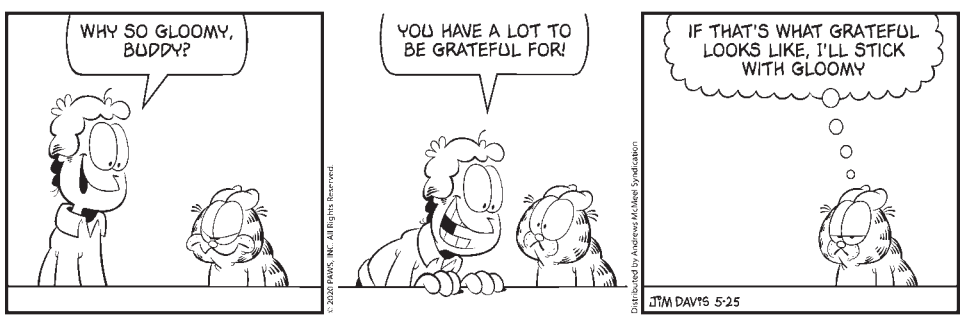
DON'T JINX ME!
IT'S FAR TOO LATE.

GARFIELD


WHY SO GLOOMY, BUDDY?
YOU HAVE A LOT TO BE GRATEFUL FOR!
IF THAT'S WHAT GRATEFUL LOOKS LIKE, I'LL STICK WITH GLOOMY
JIM DAVIS 5-25
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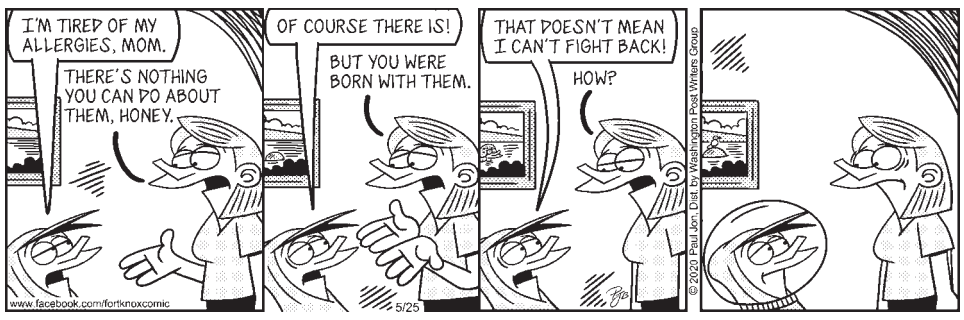
I'M TIRED OF MY ALLERGIES, MOM.
THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO ABOUT THEM, HONEY.
OF COURSE THERE IS!
BUT YOU WERE BORN WITH THEM.
THAT DOESN'T MEAN I CAN'T FIGHT BACK!
HOW?
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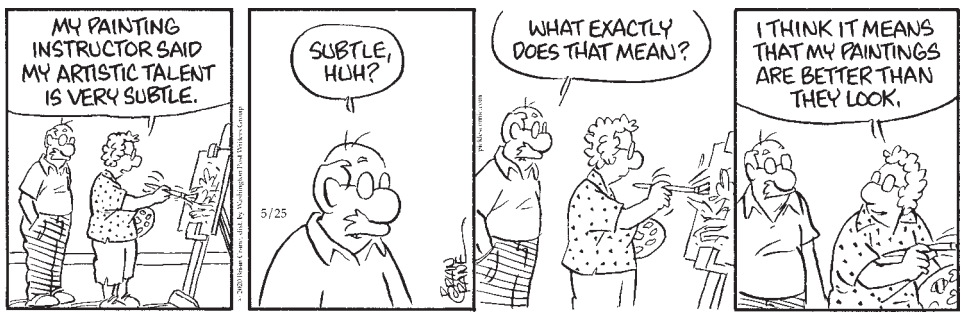
PICKLES


MY PAINTING INSTRUCTOR SAID MY ARTISTIC TALENT IS VERY SUBTLE.
SUBTLE, HUH?
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WHAT EXACTLY DOES THAT MEAN?
I THINK IT MEANS THAT MY PAINTINGS ARE BETTER THAN THEY LOOK.
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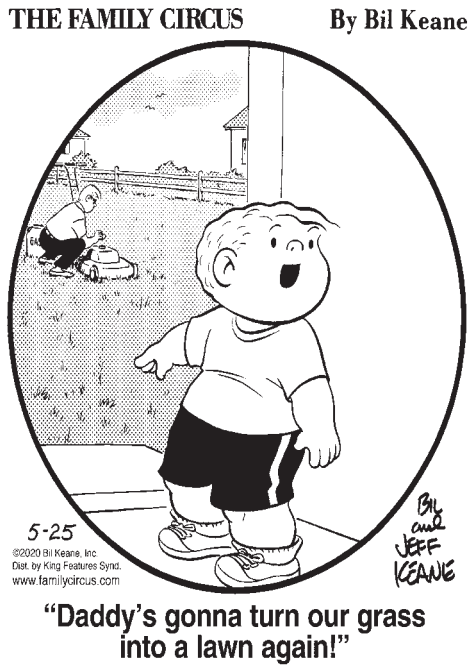

"Daddy's gonna turn our grass into a lawn again!"

DENNIS THE MENACE

"YOU SHOULD'VE BEEN A TEACHER, DAD. THEN YOU COULD GO TO THE BEACH WITH US ALL SUMMER ...AND STILL GET PAID."

BABY BLUES

NOW.
OKAY, MOM!
WHATEVER YOU SAY!
O-TAY!
WOW! HOW DO YOU GET THEM TO COOPERATE LIKE THAT?
SHE WHO CONTROLS THE RICE KRISPIE TREATS HOLDS THE POWER.
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CURTIS

I HEAR A LAWN MOWER...OR A CHAINSAW...
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GOOD, THAT MEANS PEOPLE ARE COMING OUT FROM UNDER THIS QUARANTINE ISOLATION LITTLE BY LITTLE
PEOPLE NEED REGULAR ACTIVITIES TO KEEP GOOD MENTAL HEALTH
TAP TAP
THERE'S NO LAWNS OR TREES 'ROUND HERE

ZITS

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

HAGAR! TWO SOLDIERS ARE HEADED THIS WAY!
HOW CLOSE ARE THEY?
BROWNE
I HEARD THEM SAY THEY WERE BEST FRIENDS SINCE CHILDHOOD!
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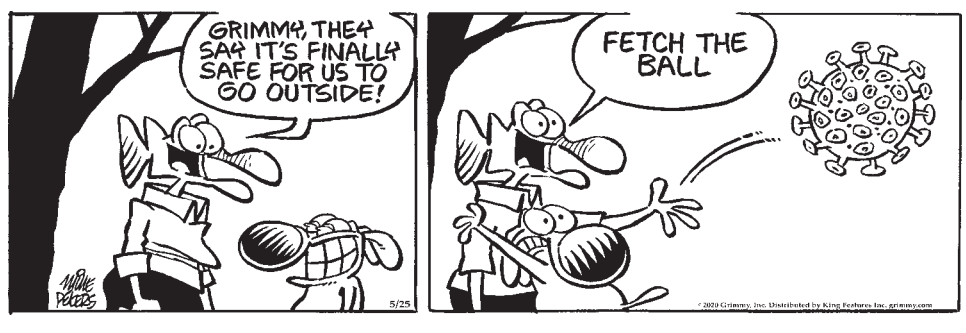
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM


GRIMMY, THEY SAY IT'S FINALLY SAFE FOR US TO GO OUTSIDE!
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FETCH THE BALL
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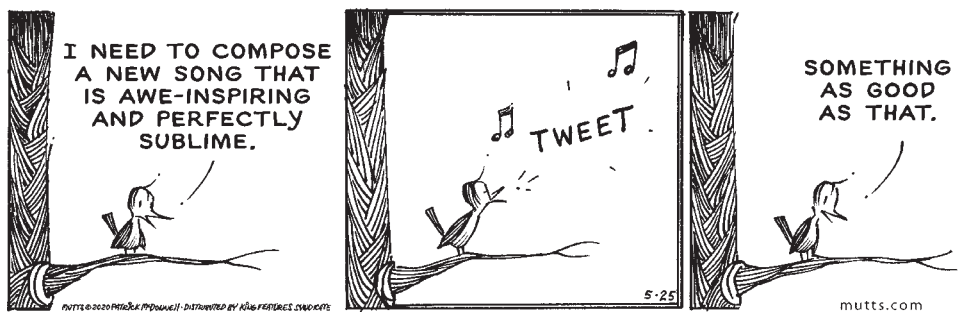
MUTTS


I NEED TO COMPOSE A NEW SONG THAT IS AWE-INSPIRING AND PERFECTLY SUBLIME.
TWEET
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SOMETHING AS GOOD AS THAT.
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SALLY FORTH

THE DO'S AND DON'TS OF SUMMER STAYCATIONS
#1: DO REALIZE YOU MAY NOT BE GOING ANYWHERE THIS SUMMER
WAIT, WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "STAYCATION"? IT'S ONLY MEMORIAL DAY! THE LOCKDOWNS MIGHT END! THEME PARKS MAY STILL OPEN THIS SUMMER!
TRUE, BUT EVEN IF THEY DO, ARE WE GOING TO WANT TO BE AROUND SO MANY PEOPLE SO SOON?
WHEN I WAS A KID MY FRIEND JAMES AND I MADE OUR OWN THEME PARK. THE HAUNTED HOUSE WAS A CARDBOARD BOX THAT A RACCOON GOT INTO. THE ROLLER-COASTER WAS A CHAIR ON WHEELS ON THE WRONG HILL. BUT OUR DAY PASSES WERE REASONABLY PRICED!
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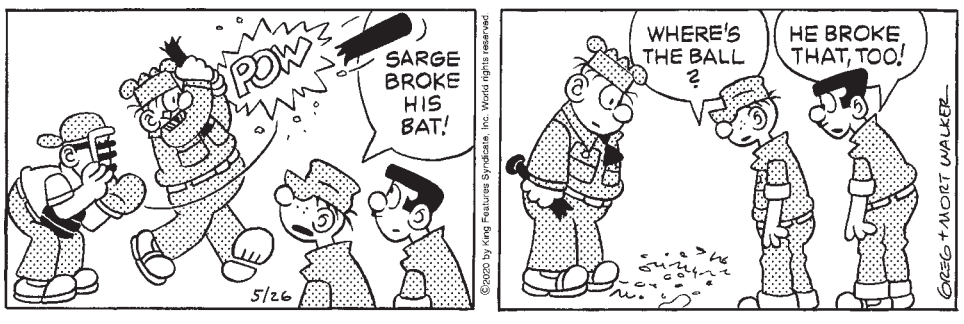

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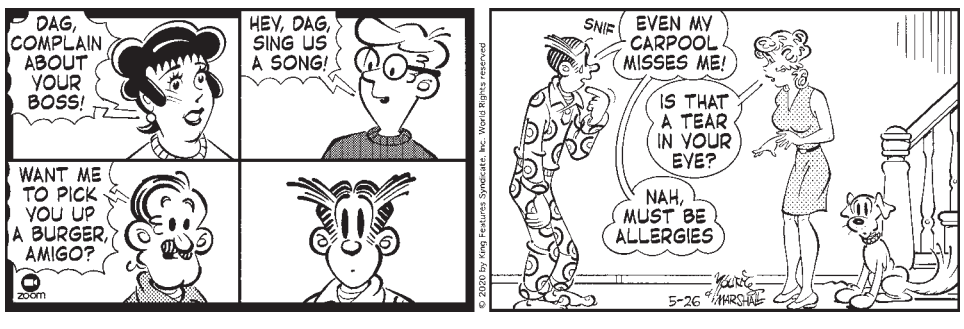
DAG, COMPLAIN ABOUT YOUR BOSS!
HEY, DAG, SING US A SONG!
WANT ME TO PICK YOU UP A BURGER, AMIGO?
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EVEN MY CARPOOL MISSES ME!
IS THAT A TEAR IN YOUR EYE?
NAH, MUST BE ALLERGIES
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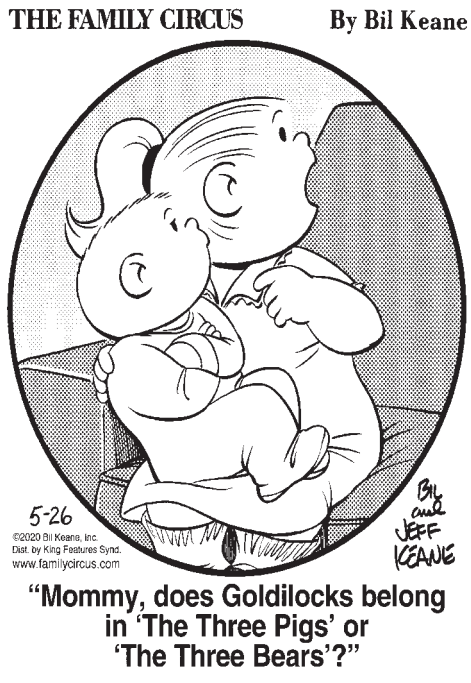
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BIL and JEFF KEANE
"Mommy, does Goldilocks belong in 'The Three Pigs' or 'The Three Bears'?"

DENNIS THE MENACE

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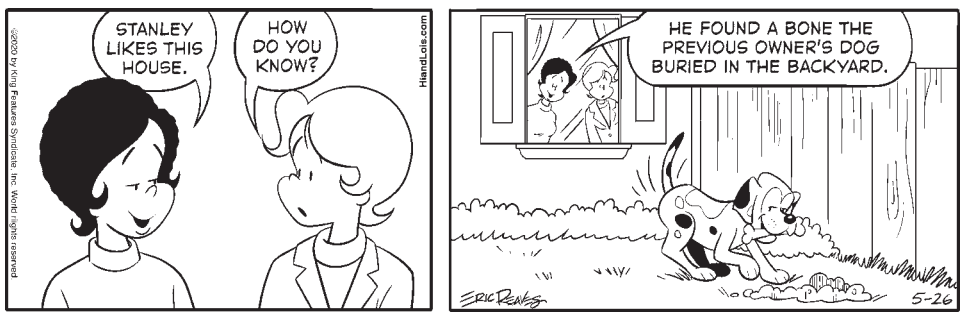
STANLEY LIKES THIS HOUSE.
HOW DO YOU KNOW?
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HE FOUND A BONE THE PREVIOUS OWNER'S DOG BURIED IN THE BACKYARD.
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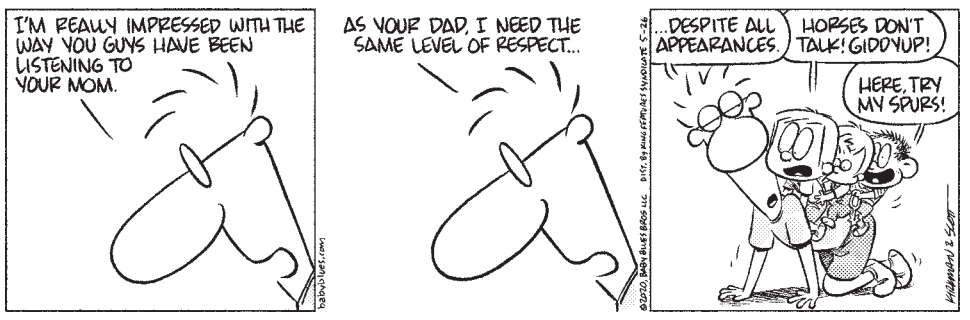
I'M REALLY IMPRESSED WITH THE WAY YOU GUYS HAVE BEEN LISTENING TO YOUR MOM.
AS YOUR DAD, I NEED THE SAME LEVEL OF RESPECT...
...DESPITE ALL APPEARANCES.
HORSES DON'T TALK! GIDDYUP!
HERE, TRY MY SPURS!
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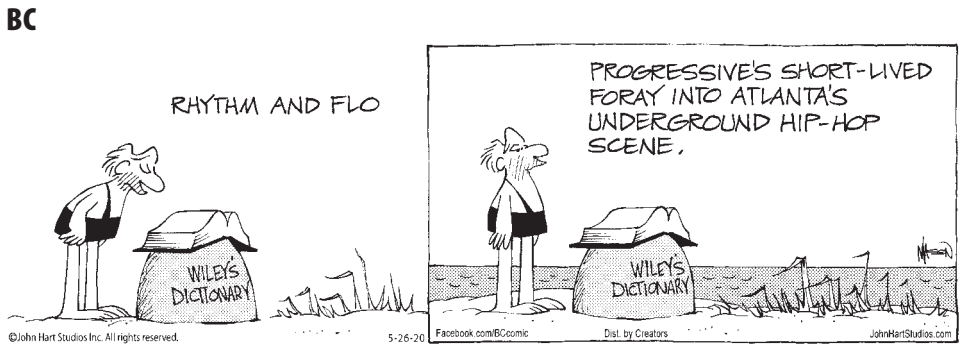

CURTIS

THE GOVERNOR IS PLANNING TO REOPEN SOME RESTAURANTS, INCLUDING MY OWN FAVORITE!
DO YOU THINK IT'LL BE GOOD?
I'M SURE THERE'LL BE CHANGES, BUT THEY NEED TO MAKE MONEY TO STAY IN BUSINESS
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NO, I MEAN, DO YOU THINK THE FOOD WILL BE ANY GOOD?
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BRUNSELL

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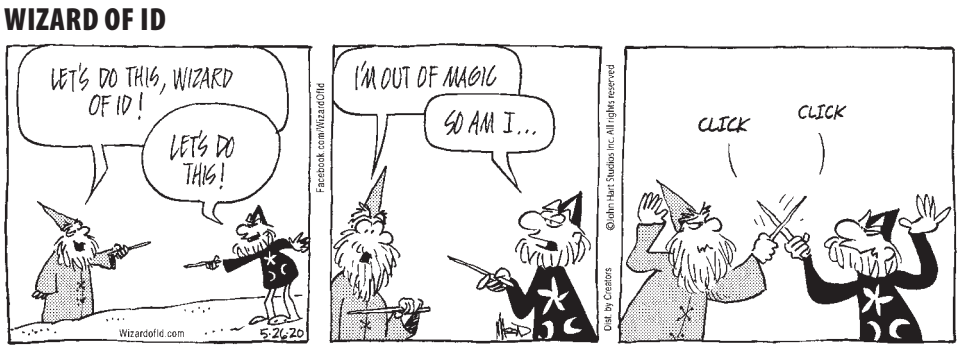

ZITS

DAD, CAN I BORROW A PAIR OF SOCKS?
YEAH, SURE.
SOMETHING TO GET YOU BY UNTIL YOU DO LAUNDRY?
NO.
SOMETHING TO GET ME BY UNTIL I FIND MY DRESSER.
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DILBERT

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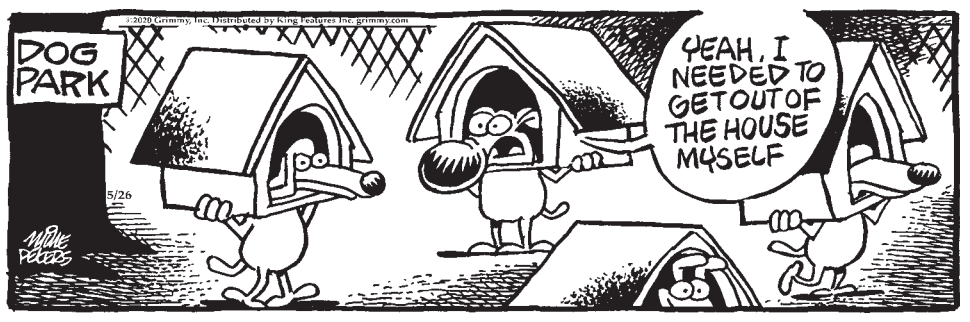

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HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

TUESDAY, MAY 26

Preparation will be key to getting things done correctly and on time this year. Find out what it will take to help you reach your goal and start the process behind closed doors until you are ready to share your plans with others. Avoid arguments and interference.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Spend time exploring the possibilities and less time trying to explain your intentions to others. Do whatever it takes to build your confidence and expand your skills and knowledge.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Channel your energy into something creative. A passionate approach will make everything more enjoyable. Stick to the rules and avoid trouble.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Pitch in and help, but don't let anyone take advantage of you or your generosity. Impulse buying will lead to regret. Uncertainty about your position or status will arise.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A job you pursue will not turn out as hoped. Before you sign up for additional responsibilities, ask for written documentation. Protect yourself from overwork or unfair treatment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Travel and learn by watching documentaries. The information you gather will inspire you to save for something that will enrich your life. Personal improvement will boost your confidence.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Take care of legal, financial or medical matters in a timely fashion. If you neglect something valuable, you can expect to receive a penalty or setback. Make a positive domestic change.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Trust what you know and see, not information passed along from an unknown source. Don't trust an outsider to be honest or fair. Pay more attention to a loved one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Look over your options and consider what's best for you. An old problem will resurface if you didn't take care of it properly in the past. Leave nothing to chance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Pay attention to the way you look and feel. Update your image if you think it's become outdated. Romance is on the rise and will bring you closer to a loved one.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Pour your energy into something creative, unique or special to you. How you use your skills will determine the impact you have.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Embrace educational pursuits. Whether you consult with an expert, learn a new skill or make personal improvements that will turn you into a marketable commodity, the results will be good.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't speak without having the facts to back your words. If you want to stay in control, you have to know what and whom you need to beat. Let the past go.

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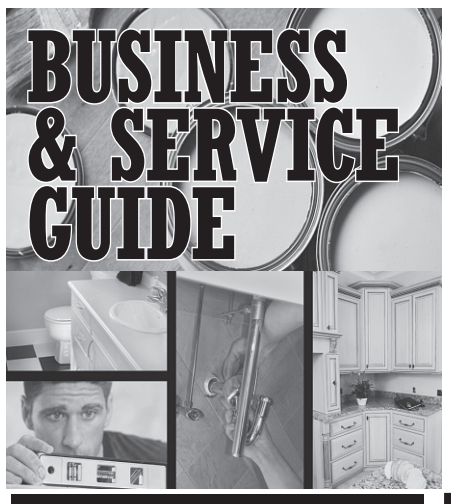

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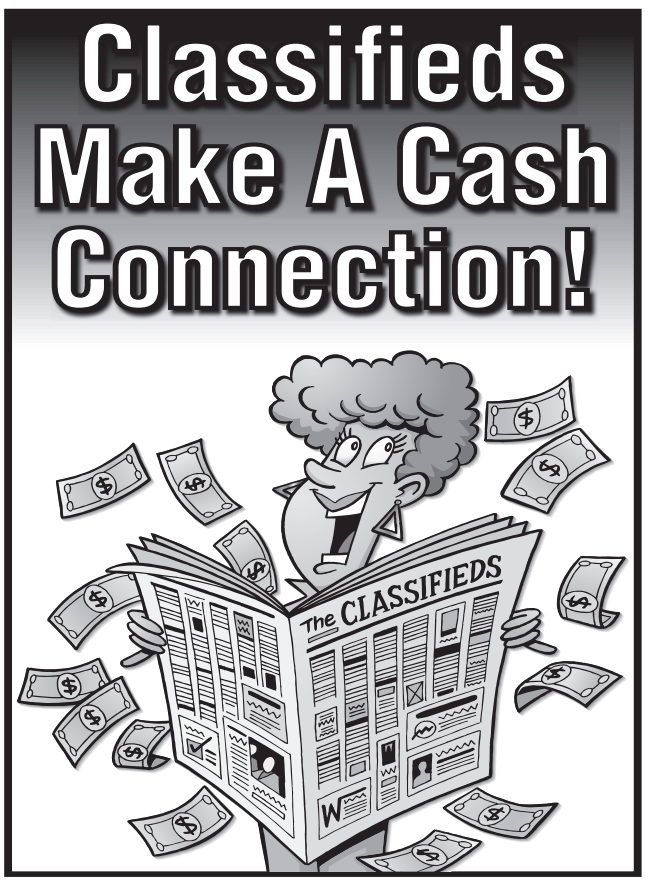

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OBITUARIES

Robert Charles Diederich

May 7, 1935 – May 22, 2020

Robert Charles Diederich, 85, of Stevensville passed away at his home on Friday, May 22, 2020.

Cremation will take place and the family will be gathering privately. Online condolences accepted at www.PikeFH.com

Robert was born May 7, 1935 in Benton Harbor, the son of the late John and Mary (Degan) Diederich. On Nov. 3, 1962, he married Annette Satonin and they shared 57 years together. Bob farmed most of his life and retired from the St. Joseph Post Office as a rural carrier after 30 years of service. Bob was a U.S. Army veteran.

Bob was a loving and caring husband, father and grandfather. Survivors include his wife Annette; daughter: Susan, Sharon (Bill) Stoner, Karen (Chris) Hartman; son: David; grandchildren: Sara, Adam, Megan Stoner, Brandon and Justin Hartman; sisters: Mary Kennedy and Ruth (Harold) Borlik; many nieces and nephews.

Bob was also preceded in death by five brothers: Ray, Don, Joe, John and Syl and a sister, Dorothy.

Arrangements entrusted to Pike Funeral and Cremation Services, Boyd Chapel, 9191 Red Arrow Highway, Bridgman. 269-465-3239

Lawrence Carl Unger

Oct. 23, 1939 – May 22, 2020

Lawrence Carl Unger, 80, of St. Joseph passed away peacefully on Friday, May 22, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 27, at Hudson Corners Cemetery in Allegan.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be given to the Spectrum Health Lakeland COVID-19 Response Fund (give.spectrumhealth.org/lakeland/covid).

Those wishing to leave an online condolence for the family can do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Larry was born Oct. 23, 1939, in Allegan, to Carl and Minnie (Nicolai) Unger.

After high school, Larry attended the Radio Electronic Television Schools in Grand Rapids. He went to work for Heath Co., before enlisting in the U.S. Navy. Larry proudly served on the USS Lowry as a radar repairman until his honorable discharge in 1966. Afterward, he returned to Heath Zenith until 1980, when he began working for Printek as an electrical design engineer until his recent retirement.

Larry most enjoyed spending time on his boat, cruising slowly up the coastline and spending time with his family. He also enjoyed classic cars and never missed a chance to visit an antique car show in the summer.

Larry will be missed dearly by his wife, Darlene (Dodge) Unger, whom he married Oct. 5, 1968, in Hopkins, Mich.; his daughter, Cassondra (Paul) Kippes; his granddaughter, Caitlin Kippes; his brother, Ken (Donna) Unger; and his nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and his sister, Ruth Clawson.

Dale R. Jewell

Feb. 25, 1924 – May 21, 2020

Dale R. Jewell, 96, of Stevensville passed away on Thursday, May 21, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center in Stevensville.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Newell Chapel of Decatur. Per Dale's wishes, he will be cremated and no services will be held. His final resting place will be in Hamilton Cemetery in Decatur.

Dale was born on Feb. 25, 1924, in Benton Harbor to the late Marshal and Phyllis (LaCombe) Jewell.

He served his country during World War II in the U.S. Army.

On Oct. 22, 1965, in Benton Harbor he married Lynda (nee Conway). She preceded him in death on Dec. 28, 2010.

Dale retired as a machinist/business owner after many years of working and owning his own business.

He is survived by his four children, Sandra Jewell of St. Joseph, Janet (Al) Landeck of Niles, Thomas (Patricia) Jewell of West End, N.C., and Roger (Dawn) Jewell of St. Joseph; stepson, Craig (Maggie) Ruple of Hastings, Mich.; 11 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and several great- and step-great-grandchildren.

He is also preceded by a brother and a sister.

Olga T. Mazeika

May 15, 1922 – May 22, 2020

Olga T. Mazeika, 98, of St. Joseph died Friday, May 22, 2020, at her home.

Family services celebrating her life will be on Thursday, May 28, at Riverview Cemetery. There will be a visitation at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Township.

Memorials can be made to the St. Joseph Catholic Parish.

Messages, memories can photos can be shared online at www.florin.net.

Olga was born on May 15, 1922, in Kaunas, Lithuania, to Antanas and Olga Astrauskas. She married her husband, Mykolas Mazeika, who preceded her in death in 1981.

Olga was an inspector at Heath Co., and then at Zenith Data Systems for over 22 years before she retired. She and her family are longtime members of the St. Joseph Catholic Parish. Olga was part of the faithful at the parish. She liked to bake and had a wonderful sense of humor. Olga enjoyed spending time with her friends and family. She was especially fond of meeting with her friends from Lithuania and Germany.

Her family includes her daughter, Christina (Stephen) Phillips of Orlando, Fla.; and her two grandchildren, David Phillips of Los Angeles and Rachel Phillips of Orlando.

She was also preceded in death by her brother.

Lois Marie Hatfield

Nov. 18, 1930 – May 15, 2020

Lois Marie Hatfield (Lolo) of Calumet City, Ill., passed away Friday, May 15, 2020, at Woodland Terrace in Bridgman after a long battle with dementia/Alzheimer's with her daughter holding her hand.

A private Mass of Christian burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday, May 29, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in St. Joseph, with Father Thomas McNally officiating. Burial will follow around 11 a.m. in Hickory Bluff Cemetery in Stevensville. Those wishing to join the graveside service are welcome.

Memorials can be made to the Salvation Army in Chicago, or Caring Circle in St. Joseph.

Those wishing to share a memory of Lois online can do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Lois was born Nov. 18, 1930, in Chicago, to Ernest and Estelle (Beland) Cummings.

She graduated from Hirsch High School. On Sept. 23, 1950, she married Charles Hatfield Jr. at St. Laurence Parish in Chicago. Lois and Chuck enjoyed 52 years together before his passing.

Called Lolo by most, she was a truly amazing woman. Although the youngest, Lolo took care of all in her family. She was especially close to her mother and protective of her growing up in their alcoholic home.

Always wanting to be a Catholic, Lois converted at 18 over her father's objections. Among the first families at Our Lady of Knock Parish in Calumet City, she was extremely active in parish life, faithfully attending Mass and services, helping at activities and singing in the funeral choir. She was also active in the Altar & Rosary Society and the OLOK Seniors Group.

She was fun and funny, witty, energetic, caring and loving. Lolo loved to cook and to bake cakes, pies and apple slices, but chocolate chip cookies were her forte. She baked three times a week and probably baked enough cookies to circle the globe. She took baked goods and cookies to the sick and homebound, parish events, friends and sent cookies home with her children's friends. Anyone stopping by got a cup of tea and homemade snack.

Lois is survived by her children, Cheryl (Earl) Williams, Christopher (Reta) Hatfield and Curtis (Nancy) Hatfield; grandchildren, Kristine (Robert) Hall, Aimee (Paul) Foster, Michelle (Jason) Krcmery, Christina Hatfield, Alex (Mercedes) Hatfield, Danielle Hatfield, Bradley (Maureen) Hatfield and Brett (Jennifer) Hatfield; great-grandchildren, Bobby, Violette (fiancé Cory), Tess, Katie, Molly, Emma, Colin, Drew, Madeline, Raylan, Charley Jo, Quinn, Lucas, Paige, Fiona and Victor.

Lois was preceded in death by her parents; husband; son, Charles Hatfield III; sister, Marion Brouillette; and brother, Ernest Cummings.

Special thanks to Tonya, Todd and all the staff of Woodland Terrace for the love and excellent care given to Lois in her more than a decade there.

Betty Andrews

Oct. 13, 1928 – May 23, 2020

Betty Andrews, 91, of St. Joseph passed away at Hanson Hospice Center following a brief illness.

Cremation has occurred and private family services are pending.

Those wishing to leave an online condolence for the family can do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Betty was born in Chicago to John and Amelia Taylor.

A lifelong resident of the Benton Harbor-St. Joseph area, Betty spent her career as the regional manager of the Sperry and Hutchinson company, in their S & H Green Stamp division. Betty and her husband, Andy Andrews, also owned and operated several restaurants in the area.

Betty is survived by her daughter, Paulette (Michael) Deree of Waxhaw, N.C.; son, George (Athena) Andrews of Plymouth, Minn.; grandchildren, Andreas and Peter Andrews and Jill (Shane) Fuller; great-grandchildren, Aiden and Holden Fuller; brother, Neil (Susie) Brodhead; sister, Sally McMeekan; sisters-in-law, Marge Souliotis and Joantha Argoudelis; and godson, Dr. William Couvelis.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Andy Andrews; sisters, Donna Bowen and Joan Rios; and brother-in-law, John Andrews.

Christopher Monroe Dasse

April 29, 1948 – May 11, 2020

Christopher Monroe Dasse was born April 29, 1948 in Benton Harbor, the son of Lester and Betty (Monroe) Dasse, both of whom precede him in passing.

Chris, as he was known, passed away suddenly at the age of 72, on Monday, May 11, 2020 at his home in Lincoln Township.

Chris was formerly employed at Fed Ex, was manager of Meadow Streams Trailer Park and most recently at Orchard Grove Land Fill. He also was a minister in the West Ministries Pastoral Works.

On March 2, 1968, Chris was united in marriage with Beverly Zuhl, who survives, along with two sons; Kenneth (Kimberly) Dasse and Robert Dasse, both of Coloma. He is also survived by two grandchildren; Kevin (Alexa) Dasse and Dustin (Nicole) Dasse, two great-grandchildren; Brayden Dasse and Kinslee Dasse and a sister; Judy Caulpitzer of Knoxville, Tennessee.

As per Chris' wishes, cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date, when all can be present. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Chris' name may be made to the family.

The Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, is assisting with arrangements. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at http://www.calvin-leonardfh.com.

Death notices

Barbara Adams, 80, of Eau Claire died May 22, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Bowerman Funeral Home, Eau Claire, 461-4241.

Betty Andrews, 91, of St. Joseph died May 23, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Douglas Beezley, 55, of Eau Claire died May 22, 2020, at his sister's home in Eau Claire. Bowerman Funeral Home, Eau Claire, 461-4241.

Lodine Companion, 96, of Bridgman passed away on Sunday, May 24, 2020 at Woodland Terrace, Bridgman. Arrangements by The Boyd Chapel of Pike Funeral and Cremation Services, 9191 Red Arrow Hwy., Bridgman 269-465-3239.

Lois M. "Lolo" Hatfield, 89, of Calumet City, Ill., died May 15, 2020, at Woodland Terrace, Bridgman. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Dale R. Jewell, 96, of Stevensville died May 21, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Newell Chapel, Decatur, 423-2561.

Dianna Kay Lakey, 70, of Lawrence passed away Sunday, May 24, 2020 at Spectrum Health Lakeland, St. Joseph. Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, 269-621-4101.

Gloria Marrow, 74, of Niles died May 22, 2020. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Olga T. Mazeika, 98, of St. Joseph died May 22, 2020, at home. Fairplain Chapel, Florin Funeral Service, Benton Harbor, 926-7222.

Susan McKeever, 62, of Niles died May 23, 2020. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Lorraine Reifschneider, 95, of Baroda passed away on Sunday, May 24, 2020 at West Woods of Bridgman. Arrangements by The Boyd Chapel of Pike Funeral and Cremation Services, 9191 Red Arrow Hwy., Bridgman 269-465-3239.

Betty J. Siebenmark, 82, of St. Joseph died May 22, 2020, at home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Lawrence C. Unger, 80, of St. Joseph died May 22, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Wanda Weaver, 77, of Berrien Springs died May 23, 2020, at home. Allred Funeral Home, Berrien Springs, 471-3729.

Barbara Adams

May 1, 1940 – May 22, 2020

Barbara Adams, 80, of Eau Claire died Friday, May 22, 2020, at Spectrum Health Lakeland in St. Joseph.

She was born May 1, 1940, in Benton Harbor, the daughter of Orley and Mary Smith. Barb retired as the food services director for Eau Claire Public Schools. She was the founder of the Eau Claire Cherry Festival Bag Ladies, and she was also the baking contest chairwoman for many years.

She was an excellent cook and won many awards, including best pie of the Berrien County Youth Fair. Barb was a proud member of the Eau Claire Class of 1958 and enjoyed many get-togethers with her classmates.

She is survived by her two daughters, Jacqueline Adams of Chicago and Sally (Douglas) Dupuie of Watervliet; her beloved grandson, Reid Adams of Dowagiac; sister, Judy Andres of Coloma; brothers, Jim (Carolyn) Smith of Eau Claire and Bill (Julie) Smith of Coloma; brothers-in-law, Ed (Carol) Adams of Berrien Springs and Earl (Joan) Adams of Fort Myers, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

Barb is predeceased by her parents; husband, Jack "Red" Adams, whom she married on Sept. 26, 1959, in Eau Claire; son, Douglas Adams; nephew, Todd Adams; and brother-in-law, Jim Andres.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, funeral services will be private. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Online messages and memories may be shared at www.bowermanfuneral.com.

Memorial donations may be made to Friends in Faith Community Church, 6550 Keigley St., Eau Claire 49111; or Eau Claire District Library, P.O. Box 328, Eau Claire 49111.

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MIDLAND (AP) — The Michigan National Guard rescued 80,000 items from the basement of a Midland library that was flooded when rain swept through the area and dams failed.

"There's no way we could have done it without them," said Terrie Ahlers, supervisor of adult services at Grace A. Dow Memorial Library.

Most books and other items in the basement are going to be OK, the Midland Daily News reported. They were placed on tables on the main floor.

Guard members had to use the stairs because the elevator was out. Library staff over the weekend focused on removing moisture from the lower level. The library is sharing updates, photos and video on Facebook.

"We're going to get there. We've done it before and we'll do it again," Ahlers said.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago – 1995

The Lake Michigan College Board of Trustees has accepted a gift in-kind of a computer and monitors from Dr. Tom Kirkdorffer, a Stevensville dentist, according to Greg Koroch, vice president of institutional advancement and planning at LMC.

The donation of a new Compaq 286 computer and monitors are to benefit the dental assisting program at the college.

35 years ago – 1985

A monument in memory of seven Benton Harbor firemen who perished in the Yore Opera House blaze on Sept. 6, 1896, was planted with flowers for Memorial Day by Forrest Barker, a retired fireman, and Benton Harbor Fire Chief David Lincoln. The monument stands in Crystal Springs Cemetery, Benton Harbor. Another monument for five St. Joseph firemen killed in the opera house blaze is in Lake Bluff Park, St. Joseph.

50 years ago – 1970

Fox Jewelers, 129 E. Main St., Benton Harbor, will be remodeled completely inside, according to Thomas S. Fox, executive vice president of Fox Jewelry Co.

"The store will be re-fixtured along with a complete new décor and carpeting to make it one of the most outstanding and up-to-date stores in southwestern Michigan," Fox said.

"We are remodeling because of our continued optimism and confidence in the downtown Benton Harbor shopping area," he added.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, May 26, the 147th day of 2020. There are 219 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On May 26, 1981, 14 people were killed when a Marine jet crashed onto the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz off Florida.

On this date:

In 1864, President Abraham Lincoln signed a measure creating the Montana Territory.

In 1868, the impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson ended with his acquittal on the remaining charges.

In 1938, the House Un-American Activities Committee was established by Congress.

In 1940, Operation Dynamo, the evacuation of some 338,000 Allied troops from Dunkirk, France, began during World War II.

In 1971, Don McLean recorded his song "American Pie" at The Record Plant in New York City (it was released the following November by United Artists Records).

In 1972, President Richard M. Nixon and Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev signed the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty in Moscow. (The U.S. withdrew from the treaty in 2002.)

In 1978, Resorts Casino Hotel, the first legal U.S. casino outside Nevada, opened in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

In 1998, the U.S. Supreme Court made it far more difficult for police to be sued by people hurt during high-speed chases. The Supreme Court also ruled that Ellis Island, historic gateway for millions of immigrants, was mainly in New Jersey, not New York.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Few Showers	Scattered T-storms	Scattered T-storms	Few Showers	Chance Showers	Sunny
79°	66°	74° / 68°	71° / 60°	64° / 54°	65° / 56°

Local Outlook

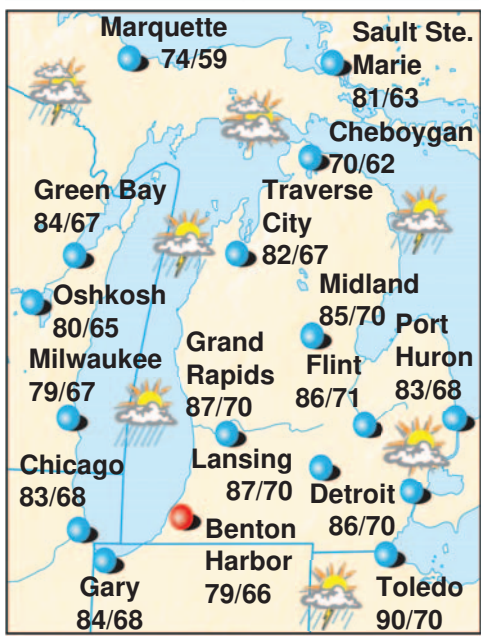
Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a 50% chance of showers, high of 79°, humidity of 63%. South southeast wind 8 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with a 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms, overnight low of 66°. South southeast wind 2 to 8 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 6:15 a.m.
Sunset ..... 9:10 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 9:24 a.m.
Moonset ..... 12:11 a.m.

First	Full	Last	New
5/29	6/5	6/13	6/21

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	85°
Low	69°
Normal High	73°
Normal Low	51°
Record High	92° in 2018
Record Low	36° in 2013

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	6.09"
Normal for month	3.17"
Year to date	18.33"
Normal Year to date	12.35"

Air Quality

Yesterday 72
Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

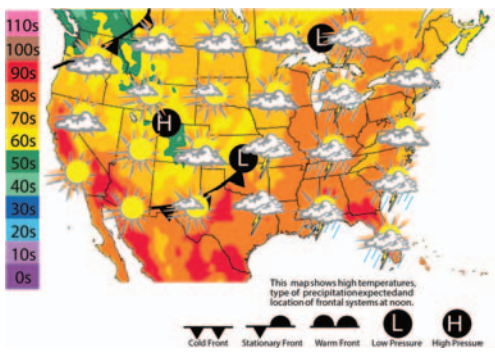
Weather Trivia

On which side of a mountain range does all rain fall?

Answer: Windward.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for May 26, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, S wind 5 to 7 kt. A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Waves around 1 ft. Water temperature 52 degrees. Tonight, SSE wind around 7 kt.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy to mostly cloudy with widespread thunderstorms, highs in the 70s and 80s. East wind 2 to 6 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Wednesday with scattered showers and thunderstorms, highs in the 60s and 70s.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms, highs in the 70s and 80s. South southeast wind 8 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Wednesday with widespread thunderstorms, highs in the 70s and 80s. Light winds.

MEMORIAL DAY

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37,000 American flags traditionally placed on the Boston Common to honor Massachusetts military members who died in service were replaced with just 1,000 flags, to limit volunteers and onlookers. In Minneapolis, several bagpipers and drummers lined up outside the Minnesota Veterans Home and played as a parade of cars drove past.

The city of Woodstock, Georgia, held its remembrance ceremony online. American Legion Post 316 Commander Julian Windham recognized service members who helped in the global fight against COVID-19.

"Even when the enemy is an invisible virus, or a microscopic germ, the sacrifices made are just as meaningful," Windham said. The ceremony, which included readings, vocal performances and gunshots from a ceremonial rifle team, were filmed over a series of days last week and later edited together, Windham said.

In Chicago, a neighborhood group that's been holding a parade for more than a half century also moved its event online, with video clips from previous years and messages from special guests, including veterans and Mayor Lori Lightfoot. In the suburb of Lisle, a convoy of vehicles from area fire departments and VFW posts drove silently through village streets in what officials said was a safe and unique way of observing the holiday.

Fallen military members were honored in New York City with car convoys and small ceremonies rather than parades.

"It's something we're upset about, but we understand," said Raymond Aalbue, chairman of the United Military Veterans of Kings County, which usually puts on a parade in Brooklyn. There's "no reason to put anybody in harm's way," he said, adding "it's really cutting quick to the heart of all the veterans."

On Long Island, a small group of veterans saluted, wearing masks and spaced several feet apart, as a parade of cars passed beneath a large American flag.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo joined a private ceremony at the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum in Manhattan, with both the sacrifices of military members and the current challenge of coronavirus on his mind.

"Over 100,000 Americans will lose their lives to this COVID virus. How do we honor them? We honor them by growing stronger together," he said.

"We want to make sure we remember them and thank our heroes today."

Presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden made his first in-person appearance in more than two months by laying a wreath at a veterans park near his Delaware home. He wore a face mask as he and his wife bowed their heads in silence. He saluted and could be heard saying "Never forget."

Biden told reporters, "I feel great to be out here." He also yelled to a group standing nearby, "Thank you for your service."

After two days of playing golf, President Donald Trump visited Arlington National Cemetery, where he laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, which overlooks rolling hills dotted with white tombstones. He later spoke at Baltimore's historic Fort McHenry, noting that tens of thousands of service members and national guard personnel are currently "on the frontlines of our war against this terrible virus."

Trump said brave warriors from the nation's past have shown that "in America, we are the captains of our own fate."

Tens of thousands of Americans still headed to beaches and parks, relieved to shake off some pandemic restrictions. Missouri's health director issued a dire warning Monday after photos and video showed weekend revelers partying close together. One video posted on social media showed a crammed pool at Lake of the Ozarks, with people lounging and playing close together, without masks. Many of those seen in the video were young people, who may not experience symptoms.

"When they then carry the virus and transmit it to a more vulnerable person, this is when we tend to see the long-lasting and tragic impact of these decisions that are being made," said Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services Director Randall Williams.

Dr. Deborah Birx, coordinator of the White House coronavirus task force, said she was "very concerned" about scenes of people crowding together. In the Tampa area along Florida's Gulf Coast, the crowds were so big that authorities closed parking lots to stem the flood. In Texas, videos of people packed together tubing and drinking on the Comal and Guadalupe rivers also raised concerns.

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People gather on the beach for the on Saturday in Port Aransas, Texas. Dr. Deborah Birx, coordinator of the White House coronavirus task force, said she was "very concerned" about scenes of people crowding together.

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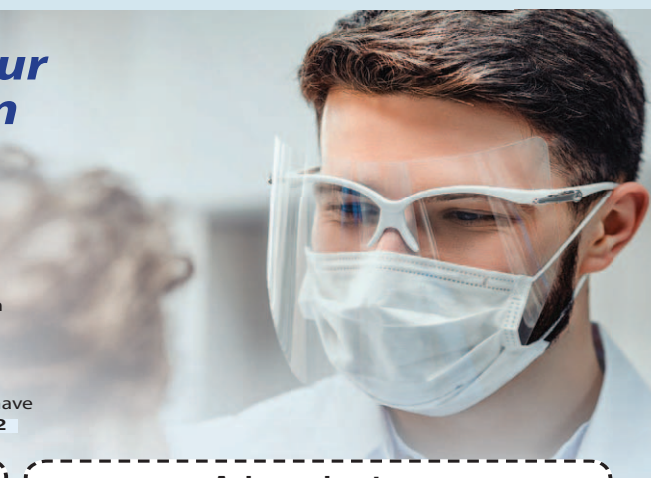

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